

Leonard
Pruett

1903 - 1969

Name of Members	P O. Address	No Cattle	No Horses
Adams, W. J	Kit Carson, Colo	1000	10
Arkansas Valley Land and Sugar Beet & Irrigated Land Co	Holly, Colo		
Applegate, D. W.	Lamar	150	10
Butler, Mrs. Mattie	Holly	400	18
Bent Co Bank	Las Animas, Colo.	250	25
Blackburn, Robert	Las Animas, Colo.	250.	35
Blackburn, J. R	Las Animas, Colo.		
Black, Perry	Lamar, Colo.	125	5
Black, Doc	Lamar, Colo	300	10
Blackwell & Thompson	Lamar, Colo		70
Beatty Bros	Manzinola, Colo.	50	50
Bloom, Frank	Trinidad, Colo.	100	
Bilderback, T. W	Granada, Colo	100	6
Burk, C. W.	Lamar, Colo	70	15
Bent, A. E.	Lamar, Colo.	300	
Ball, J. W.	Lamar, Colo.	70	16
Baldwin, Chas & Sons	Caddoa, Colo	50	30
Bent & Prowers Co C & H G Assn	Las Animas, Colo.		
Beavers, A. L.	Lamar	4	20
Cahill, Luke	Las Animas, Colo	200	100
Connell, John O	Las Animas, Colo.	300	7
Cox, L. S.	Lamar, Colo.	70	
Carver Bros & Co	Lamar, Colo.	300	30
Chaplin, W. H. & Sons	Lamar, Colo.	75	
Creek, Walter	Carlton, Colo.	9	1
Crittenden, H. S.	Coolidge, Kans.	500	10
Creigh, St Geo	Lamar, Colo	300	20
Casey & Towers	Prowers, Colo	3000	120
Cox, W. O.	Prowers, Colo	1500	
Canfield, S. N.	Holly, Colo	10	20
Crittenden, Frank	Coolidge, Kans	400	10
Deeter, A.	Lamar, Colo	100	10
Dean, J. B.	Las Animas, Colo.	100	10
Dorrance, John	Lamar, Colo		
Downing Bro S. & Hazelton	Lamar, Colo	110	5
Davis, W. S.	Lamar, Colo.	330	20
Darling, M. B.	Las Animas, Colo	100	
Dumbald, A.	Las Animas, Colo	100	
Davis, Chas. K.	Caddoa, Colo.	60	
Donaldson, A. E.	Lamar, Colo	100	15
Donnahue. J. J.	Coolidge, Kans	200	
Edwards, W. W.	Lamar, Colo.	100	
Edwards, David H.	Carlton, Colo	15	
Fuller, Mrs. Mary A.	Lamar, Colo.	35	
Froelick, Adolph	Galatea, Colo.	40	10
Graham, James, Estate of	Lamar, Colo.	1600	30
Gordon, John R.	Granada, Colo.	240	10
Gerrard Bros	Granada, Colo	50	18
Harvey, Fred-Estate of	Barton, Colo.	2000	50
Ham, Bright	Caddoa, Colo	200	12
Herring, P. L. & C. T.	Coolidge, Kans	500	30
Haven, V. Z.	Granada, Colo.	100	19
Hainline, N. O.	Lamar, Colo	100	10
Huey, Thad	Las Animas, Colo	200	20
Hammond & Mechling	Granada, Colo	50	4
House, W. J.	Coolidge, Kans	1000	300
Huddleston, C. C.	Lamar, Colo.	75	
Hinote, Thos	Caddoa, Colo.		
Heinbig, N M	Halton, Kans	100	30
Heizer, R. N.	Las Animas, Colo.	100	
Johnston, A. W.	Las Animas, Colo.	200	4
Johnson, Geo A	Las Animas, Colo.	70	12

1903-1969 = 100 Annual meeting.

Name of Member	P. O. Address	No. Cattle	No. Horses
Klett, R. F.	Las Animas, Colo	600	50
Koen, Maynard	Lamar, Colo		
Keon, H. W. and O. N.	Lamar, Colo.		
Koen, J. Howard	Lamar, Colo.	100	8
Koen, E. L.	Lamar, Colo	75	
Koen, E. L. & H. W.	Lamar, Colo	500	
Keating, Wm. M.	Lamar, Colo.	350	14
Knuckey, Jas. T. & Sons	Lamar, Colo	20	
Kearns & Mitchell	Lamar, Colo.	75	
Leslie & Hanson	Granada, Colo	350	15
Lane and Murray	Las Animas, Colo	1000	100
Las Animas Land & Stock Co.	Las Animas, Colo	800	10
Leatherman & Leisure	Lamar, Colo	1500	25
Lamar Ranch Co.	Lamar, Colo.	250	
Lestie, T. C.	Granada, Colo	130	
Lamson, Bros	Lamar, Colo.	120	40
Lamper, F. A.	Lamar, Colo	75	
Lakin, B. R.	Las Animas, Colo	300	15
Loon, Van H.	Galatea, Colo.	250	25
Malloy, James	Caddoa, Colo.		
Meagher, Walter	Granada, Colo.	250	15
Moore, Mrs. F. B.	Las Animas, Colo.	300	
Mullen, J. K. Land & Stock Co.	Lamar, Colo.	2000	50
Maxwell Farm Co.	Lamar, Colo.	1000	30
Markham & Cox	Lamar, Colo.	240	
Messinger, K. E.	Lamar, Colo	10	105
Mayfield, J. L.	Granada, Colo.	369	13
Mengenhill, J. F.	Granada, Colo.	125	12
Myers, I. H.	Lamar, Colo	7	20
Miller, A. F.	Lamar, Colo.	40	4
Moore, John W.	Las Animas, Colo.	125	
Milford, N. W.	Holly, Colo.	7	
Mathews, L. F.	Coolidge, Kans.	200	
Maxwell, Chas.	Lamar, Colo.		
McMillin, Marsina J.	Carlton	600	50
McPherson, C. L.	Holly, Colo.	450	10
McClave, B. T.	Lamar, Colo.	350	30
McCurry & Acuff	Granada, Colo	400	8
McGrath, Eliza & Ray	Lamar, Colo	500	12
Neumaster, J. C.	Granada, Colo	150	10
A			
Olliphant, James	Las Animas, Colo	50	
Prarie Cattle Co	Higbee, Colo.		
Parish, A. N.	Lamar, Colo	700	40
Phillips, T. M.	Granada, Colo	30	5
Peart, W. B.	Las Animas, Colo.	50	50
Peck, Scott W.	Las Animas, Colo.	125	
Reynolds, W. W.	Lamar, Colo	225	25
Russell & Edwards	Lamar, Colo		100
Russell, W. G.	Lamar, Colo	100	
Robinson Bros.	Lamar, Colo.	75	15
Stone, W. H.	Las Animas, Colo.	200	10
Sherlock, Ed H.	Lamar, Colo	1000	10
Scott, Steve	Lamar, Colo.	250	35
Santa Fe Land & Cattle Co.	Prowers, Colo.	8000	
Sullivan Bros.	Las Animas, Colo.	200.	15
Sherman, C. M. & W.	Granada, Colo	100	
Steward & Pilloud Bros.	Lamar, Colo.	80	5
Strain, O. G. & M.	Lamar, Colo	100	
Simcox S. & Co.	Las Animas, Colo.	150	
Troup, Carey N.	Las Animas, Colo	30	15
Thomas, C. B.	Lamar, Colo.	125	10
The Horse Creek Farming Co.	Holly, Colo.	100	

Name of Member	P. O. Address	No. Cattle	No. Horses
Vogel, R.	Lamar, Colo.	112	14
Vernon, Bros.	Granada, Colo.	100	
Vincent, W. E.	Holly, Colo.	45	
West, E. B.	Las Animas, Colo.	45	
Wilcoxon, J. A.	Lamar, Colo.	100	

129 members

Feb 16th, 1903

New Members Elected

Robert Heizer Las Animas, Colo.
Thompson & Thompson Las Animas, Colo.

Brand of R. E. Heizer

+ left SH — left side H left hip Ear Mark S Swallow fork left

Additional Brands K W left side Ear Mark Half Under Slope left

Brand Mrs. Anna M. Chenoweth, Holly, Colo. [K] left side also ^A/_K left side

ear marks over bitright, under bit left Horse brand J a left sh

Brand of A. M. Lambright, Las Animas, Colo. K E Y left side ✓ L E left side
swallow fork left over bit right also X Brand with X on jaw

ANNUAL MEETING Feb. 16, 1903

Las Animas, Colo.

Annual meeting of Bent & Prowers County Cattle & Horse Growers Association called to order at Court House at 2:30 P. M. by President W. A. Towers. Officers present were W. A. Towers, President, M. H. Murray, First Vice President, P. G. Scott Treas. and M. J. McMillin, Secy. Members present, Stone, Johnson, Cox, W. O., Jr., Himote Mayfield, Moore, making a quorum on account of recent severe storm and prevailing cold weather attendance was light.

Special Meetings Minutes of special meeting of July 19th read and approved. Also minutes of special meeting of Aug 29th held at Lamar were approved.

new members Application of N. M. Herbig of Nolton, Kansas, Robert Heiser & Thompson & Thompson of Las Animas were read and all were elected the necessary 5.00 fee having been paid. Report of Secretary was read and approved and ordered spread upon the records.

Sec. report Las Animas, Colo. Feb. 16, 1903

To the officers and members of the Bent and Prowers County Cattle & Horse Growers Assn. In making this my third annual report to you. I must again congratulate you on the prosperous condition of our members generally. And the favorable winter up to the past few days. The overstocked ranges, short grass, scarcity of water, short crops of feed of the last year, caused many of us to look forward with fear to the coming winter, but fortunately we have had a fine winter & losses so far have been light. While stock on range is reported very thin it is largely caused by over stocked ranges, scarcity of water and the mange, which is becoming very serious and some plan should be adopted to make a determined fight on this disease this year. and if possible stamp it out or the first thing we know we will not be able to ship out any cattle on account of the disease. In my annual report of last year I recommended raising more feed, Alfalfa, Cane, Milo Maise, Kaffir Corn and Sugar Beets and feeding your beets into your cattle, hogs and sheep. And you would not need to worry about duties on sugar but would furnish your own factory right at home. I do not think my recommendation was responsible for it but we all know there are more different bunches of stock on feed in Bent and Prowers Counties than ever before. And the gain made especially on sugar beets is something astonishing.

At our last annual meeting we asked Santa Fe R. R. for lower grain & feed rates & better shipping facilities west especially. It is some satisfaction to know

that grain rates have been reduced a little and a much better service west is now in force.

Inspector Our State Inspector Mr Mosby A. Lee ably assisted by Mr. J. R. Smith, Deputy of Lamar, have done a vast amount of work the past season and saved many head of stock for our members. Mr Smith is only paid the pultry som of \$5.00 per month by this assn. This is not enough to pay his expenses to say nothing of his time. And I recommend allowing him more pay. I desire to call your attention to extraordinary growth of this association since last annual meeting. Over 50 new members have been admitted to this association. It has not been necessary to make any assesment for 1901 or 1902., and we have paid all just claims against us and have a nice balance now in treasury.

Finances

Brand Books As instructed at last annual meeting I had 300 copies of a new brand book published which was distributed among the members several months ago and every member should have received one long ago and you know now how it suits you. The cost of printing books were \$191.80, of this amount \$137.75 was collected from advertisers so our association is only out \$54.05 on printing of books. About 35 copies of these books are now in my care and printers have 38 copies which they will sell cheap and I would recommend this association buying them.

Estray Books I again renew my recommendation of one year ago that some one should be authorized to examine the brands of estrays as sold and reported to State Board of Cattle Inspection at Denver and see if any such stock belong to any of our members.

State Assn. I wish to call your attention to importance of a full representation of our Association at the meeting of State Association in Denver Feb. 26th to 28th.

As your Secretary since last annual meeting I have collected on 1900 assesment \$30.00 for one Brand Book sold \$1.50 for new members \$205.00 for advertising in new Brand Book. \$113.50 for a total of \$350.00, all of which has been paid over to P. G. Scott, Treasurer. In addition to this your assistant Secretary has collected considerable for new members and advertising the exact amount of such collections has not been reported to me.

I desire to call your attention now to good service rendered this Assn. by your assistant Secretary John R. Sullivan. As most of the applications for new members from Bent County was secured through his efforts.

The Otero Co. Stock Assn. at their annual meeting held Feb. 7th authorized their executive committee to meet a similar committee from this Association to confer in regard to hiring a special detective to try to locate some of the cattle and horse rustlers that are continually stealing stock from our members. Thanking you for past favors I have the honor to be

your obedient servant

M. J. McMillin, Sevretary

Treasurers Report

April 5, 1902	Balance on hand	\$177.85	
	Received from entrance fees	300.00	
	Received from Assessments	69.50	
	Received from Advertising	137.75	
	Total	\$685.10	
April 24	Cash paid out Jno. Irwin 5 wolf scalps		12.50
May 21	Printing G. B. Merrill \$5.00 M. J. McMillin Expenses	\$14.95	19.95
July 21	Advertising Holly News \$1.62 Assesment State Assn	\$80.00	81.62
July 21	M J. McMillin stamps & Advertising \$14.15 M. A. Lee Salary	20.34	15
	Printing J. T. Lowless 10.25 J. R. Smith Depy Inspector	20.00	30.25
	Barney Gow Wolf scalp 5.00 strychnine	9.00	14.00
	Printing G. B. Merrill \$5.00 Spark & register brand books	191.89	196.80
Jan 28, 1903	A. McCoy Wolf Scalp 5.00 W. M. Howard wolf scalp	5.00	10.00
	Total expense		\$399.27

Leaving balance in Treas. hands of \$285.83 on Feb. 16, 1903.

Report Approved.

Motion carried to appoint M. H. Murray and W. O. Cox, Jr. to examine Books of Sec. and Treasurer.

B4J Cattle these men realize the serious condition their herds are in or they would not rest until all were properly dipped. I would respectfully recommend that the remnant of the B4J cattle be gathered and shipped to market as fast as they are found in marketable condition as these cattle are looked upon by some as public property and under the new estray law all mavericks should be advertised and sold as estrays.

Woud Bounty I would recommend continuing wolf bounty in force for another year.

Respectfully submitted
M. J. McMillin, Sec.

P. G. Scott, Treas.	
Treas Report	Feb. 17th 1903 Balance 285.83
	Feb. 17th Fee N. M. Herbig 5.00
	Feb. 17 Robert Heiser 5.00
	Oct. 19 1 steer 2 cows B4J 52.35
	Nov. 2 Allen Fee Jack Howard 5.00
	Nov. 28 1 B4J Cow 12.90
	April 7 D. L. Knapp 1 W. scalp 5.00
	June 20 Luke Cahill J2 5 pup scalps 12.50
	July 25 Jesse Dean 1 pup W. scalps 2.50
	Sept 10 Assessment State Assn 82.50
	Nov. 7 B. Kelley 1 W. Scalp 5.00
	Dec. 24th B. S. Conan 1 W. Scalp 5.00
	Balance 100.73
<hr/>	
\$366.08	

Feb. 15th 1904 Balance on hand \$100.73

Wolf Scalp Matter general business Claim of W. M. Wilson of Lamar for pay for one wold scalp killed on Clay Creek was allowed, at \$5.00. Also claim of Kay Swadley for pay for one wolf scalp sent in last fall was allowed at \$5.00.

Bill of J. R. Sullivan Asst Secy presented bill of Bent Co Democrat for printing notices of annual meeting for \$1.00. Allowed.

Secretary Bill M. J. McMillin presented bill for postage, cards and expenses examining estray list in Denver of \$8.00 allowed. On motion of A. N. Parish Secretary was voted an additional \$50.00 compensation for services as secretary and expenses for past 3 years. Motion carried.

Fred P. Johnson, Secretary State Stock Association made a splendid talk on benefits of organization stockmen and the necessity of stockmen standing together. Mr. Johnson was voted thanks for remarks. on motion adjourned to 1:30 P. M.

Letter from Maj. Towers. Meeting again called to order by Vice President Murray. Letter from President Maj. W. A. Towers was read expressing regret to have to sever his connections with the members of this Association.

New Officers Election of officers being elected in order: A. N. Parish placed M. H. Murray in nomination for President. R. F. Klett nominated A. N. Parish for 1st Vice President. A. N. Parish nominated J. C. Johnston for 2nd Vice President. R. F. Klett nominated M. J. McMillin for Secretary, Luke Cahill nominated J. R. Sullivan for Asst Secretary. P. G. Scott was nominated for Treasurer. There being no other nominations to any of these offices each were voted on separately and elected.

Round up Commissioners On motion of J. R. Sullivan Seconded by J. C. Johnston meeting took a recess to try to agree on 3 persons to be recommended to Governor James H. Peabody for Round up Commissioners for District No. 1. After a Caucus, the names of Wm M. Wilson, James Malloy and J. A. Stinson were chosen for Round up Commissioners. For north side of river a committee consisting J. R. Smith, Ed Shertock and Newt Parish were appointed to have charge of roundup work on north side of river.

Letters of regret Letters of regret that they could not be present were read from Dr. J. V. Laddey, Government mange inspector, Connard Schaffer, President State Stock Assn, J. N. Beatey, Manzinola, Colo and L. A. Allen of Kansas City, Mo.

Election of officers being next in order the following were elected for ensuing year Maj W. A. Towers, President; M. H. Murray, First Vice President A. N. Parish, Second Vice President; P. G. Scott, Treasurer M. J. McMillin, Secretary ; John R. Sullivan, Ass't Secretary

Wolf Bounty It was decided good policy to continue paying wolf bounty for another year on same plan as formerly stated on.

Endorsing A. Lee Motion made and carried to endorse Mosby A. Lee Present State Cattle Inspector for another term.

State cattle Inspector Endorsing stock bills Motion made and carried to endorse stock bills now before Legislature as endorsed by Colorado Cattle and Horse Growers Association.

N. Parish Stock Inspector on board Motion made and carried to endorse Mr. A. N. Parish for member State Stock Inspection Board.

No. cattle & Horses Secretary instructed to report 10,000 cattle and 1000 horses to State Stock Association for Assessment for 1903.

Roundup Comm Motion made and carried to recommend W. H. Stone, J. L. Mayfield, and W. A. Towers to Governor James H. Peabody to be appointed as Roundup Commissioners for District No. 2.

Special Detective Power was given to Executive Committee to meet with Executive Committee of Otero Co. Stock Association to arrange for employing special detective to act for this Association.

Delegates to State Convention The following were appointed as delegates to represent this Association at meeting of State Association to be held in Denver Feb. 26th to 28th 1903

M. H. Murray	J. L. Mayfield	W. H. Stone
M. J. McMillin	A. N. Parish	J. R. Smith
Ed. H. Sherlock	Harry Critenden	P. L. Herring
W. A. Towers	Richard Klett	J. R. Sullivan
C. L. McPherson	J. J. Cooper	C. B. Thoman
W. J. Adams	J. Scott Robertson	W. O. Cox
W. W. Reynolds.		

Sec instructed to examine books in Secretary of State Board of Inspection Commissioners office in Denver and see if any of estrays sold belong to any of the members of this Association and that this Association pay him for his expenses. Bill

M. A. Lee Bill of Mosby A. Lee for \$30.00 to Jan. 31st as allowed for expenses for inspector allowed.

Bill of Sec for refund Bill of M. J. McMillin for refund of \$5.00 on application of Arthur Carver and for 50 cts on Brand cut of W. B. Peout and for 3 brand cuts of J. J. Cooper money having been paid to Treas. P. G. Scott. Total of \$7.00 Bill allowed and money refunded.

Sec Bill to Feb. 16, 1903 Bill of Secretary M. J. McMillin for stamps \$7.50 Postal Cards \$1.75 Newspaper wrappers \$1.20, Tablet .10 Services M. L. Stewart Labor on Brand Books \$10.30 total of \$20.85 Allowed.

Considerable discussion was held in regard to stamping out disease of mange and other matters of interest to stockmen Mr. J. B. Lynch, Santa Fe Live-stock agent was present at meeting. On motion adjourned.

M. J. McMillin, Sec.

* * * * *

Annual Meeting Las Animas, Colo.
Feb. 15, 1904

Bent & Prowers Co. C & H G Assn met at Court House in Annual session at 10 A. M. President Towers being absent Mr. M. H. Murray presided at meeting. Officers present M. H. Murray 1st Vice President, A. N. Parish 2nd Vice President, P. B. Scott, Treas. M. J. McMillin, Secretary, J. R. Sullivan, Asst Secretary and about 40 more members. After calling the roll, minutes of Annual Meeting Feb. 16th, 1903 were read and approved.

New
Members

Election of new members being declared in order the following were elected members: Anna M. Chenoweth, Holly Colo. J. C. Johnson, Manager Prarie Cattle Co., Higbee, Colo; Wm. H. Wilson and R. J. Watson, Higbee, Colo; A. J. Howard, Las Animas; J. D. Cahall, Lamar, Colo. Prowers Land and Cattle Co, James Cushing Manager, Prowers, Colo. A. M. Lambright, Las Animas. The name of E. M. Wright of Syracuse, Kansas was rejected for membership. Mr. G. McCrillis Sec State Stock Inspection Board, Dr. Charles G. Lamb, State Veterinary Surgeon, Mr. Mosby A. Lee, Secretary Otero Co. Stock Assn were all unanimously elected honorary members.

Honory
Members

Sec.
Report

Sec & Treas. reports were read and approved and are as follows:
To the officers and members of Bent & Prowers Co. C & HG Assn in making this my fourth annual report, I am sorry I cannot congratulate you on the prices you have received for your cattle since our last annual meeting. Neither can I congratulate you on the treatment you have or are now receiving from Railroad Cos. the delay in furnishing cars for shippers has resulted in serious loss and inconvenience to you. Frequently having to turn herds loose after they were gathered because cars were not furnished shippers in some cases waiting 30 days or longer for cars. Then the serious delays enroute to market caused you a heavy shrinkage which often would amount to more than the freight. Then to cap the climax since Jan. 1st you have been compelled to pay your fare home from market, which on a two car shipment from Las Animas to Kansas City increases your freight about 8.00 per car. This is a rank injustice and is one of the problems you have to consider today. I desire to call your attention to the able manner in which our old pioneer member Mr. L. A. Allen now of Kansas City, Mo. is fighting the railroad cos for the way they are treating stockmen and I hope this Association will do all in their power to assist him.

Only a few days ago a prominent Commission firm of Chicago sent out Instruction to their western shippers if they wished to reach Chicago on certain days market they must load their cattle 10 to 12 hours earlier. Thus giving the rail roads more time to shrink the cattle enroute.

Examine
Books in
Estray office

At our Annual Meeting one year ago you instructed me to examine the books in Secretary of State Board of Inspection Commissioners Office in Denver. Accordingly on Feb. 25 & 26th 1903, I examined the records and claimed eleven head of cattle so held as estrays for our members. I examined the books from time they were first opened in 1893 up to Jan. 8th, 1903. I reported these estrays with history of each case direct to the owner. And I would again recommend that someone be authorized to examine the books from Jan. 8th 1903 up to date. As many estrays have been sold this past year.

Money
Collected
B4J Cattle
Membership
Fees

During the year there has been paid to me by State Board of Stock Inspection Commissioners the sum of \$65.25 proceeds of sale of 1 steer and 3 cows B4J Brand shipped to market during past season. I also received for application fee of N. M. Herbig & Robert H. Heiser \$10.00 all of which I have paid to P. G. Scott.

Annual
Meeting
State
Assn.

Our Association was ably represented at the Annual Meeting of State Association held in Denver Feb. 26 to 28th last year by J. L. Mayfield, A. N. Parish, C. B. Thoman, W. W. Reynolds, Chas Maxwell, M. J. McMillin who succeeded in having a new Executive district formed of the Otero & Bent & Prowers Co. Associations and Mr. Mosby A. Lee was elected a member of Executive Board. And I wish to remind you that it was largely due to the assistance given us by State Association that enabled us to secure the appointment of Mr. A. N. Parish as a member of the State Inspection Board where he has made such a splendid record in working for stockmens interests. All we have accomplished in way new stock laws has been through organization and we should send a strong delegation to the next State Convention which meets in Denver March 14 & 15, 1904 to take an active part in the work of that convention.

Roundup
word

I will also remind you of necessity of the members of this Association who are interested in range roundup work getting together and forming a plan of work so that the cattle on the range may never be handled as they were in the past fall.

Mange

I regret that I cannot report that the mange has been entirely stamped out from our herds and ranges, but the failure of some to dip their cattle seriously threatens to inflict the herds of all those who are compelled to turn their cattle on the range again this season and I cannot believe

Note of thanks	On motion of Mr. A. N. Parish a note of thanks was tendered to L. A. Allen for his fight against Railroad Cos for the service stockmen are receiving. Unanimously adopted. Also a vote of thanks was tendered Congressman Brooks, for his able fight in Congress against Blackleg Manufactures combine to have Government quit furnishing free vaccine to stockmen. Carried.
Resolution A. N. Parish	Resolution endorsing action of A. N. Parish, unanimously adopted as follows: Whereas our esteemed fellow member, Hon. A. N. Parish has for the past year represented this section of the State on the State Board of Stock Inspection Commissioners, which position involves much hard work and personal inconvenience with no salary or recompense attached, and whereas Mr. Parish has given the same earnest attention to the business of the Board that he would give to his own private affairs and has not only secured for us much improved protection for our interests but has aided in similar benefits for the cattle industry of the state. Therefore Resolved: That we extend Mr. Parish our most hearty and earnest thanks and assure him that we, as cattlemen, most sincerely appreciate the service he has rendered us and as long as he remains a member of that board he shall have our strongest cooperation in his efforts to secure us the best and most business like enforcement of our new laws.
Remarks Parish	Mr. Parish expressed his thanks for resolution and made a strong talk explaining his fight with politicians to keep Board from being made a political machine and his position on matters to interest of stockmen especially in this district. He was followed by Mr. E. McCrillis, Secretary Stock
Remarks McCrillis	Inspection Board who made a splendid talk on the work of the Stock Inspection Board new estray law and etc.
Resolution on Railroads	Resolution on railroads presented as follows: Whereas, the Live stock Interests represented by this association are in a large measure dependent upon the railroads for transportation to market and failure of the railroads that reach this section to render us prompt and efficient service at a reasonable remuneration is disastrous to our interest and the cause of severe loss, and, Whereas for several years past the service we have been receiving from the Santa Fe and Missouri Pacific Railroads has been steadily deteriorating, while there has been no corresponding decrease in charge for the service but on the contrary the expense for such service has been increased. Therefore, Resolved. That the Delegation to the State Convention of the Colorado Cattle and Horse Growers Assn be instructed to call the attention of that Association to these conditions and see if there is not some practical manner to secure a change in these conditions and provide more efficient service for the cattle interests of the state.
Remarks	This brought forth a discussion from many members who gave their personal experience in delay in securing cars, layovers enroute to market and some remedies were suggested. A state railroad Commission was most generally favored. After some time spent in discussion the Resolution was adopted as read.
Adopted	
Dr. Lamb.	State Veterinary Surgeon Dr. Charles G. Lamb was called on and explained the regulations issued by his office regarding disease of mange. This mange question proved to be a hot subject and was warmly argued by J. C. Johnston, Parish, Lamb, McCrillis, Johnson, Keon, Smith, Reynolds, and others. And all agreed that through dipping was only way to stamp out the disease, but no time was agreed upon as proper time to commence dipping. After a general discussion of many matters adjourned to meet again at 7:30 P. M.
Delegates to State Convention	Meeting again called to order after adjournment. Convention proceeded to select names of delegates to State Convention at Denver, March 14 & 15th J. Cooper, J. C. Johnston, M. H. Murray, R. Klett, J. R. Smith, A. N. Parish, J. R. Sullivan, James Cushney, J. A. Wilcoxon, E. L. Keon, A. D. Hudnall, M. J. McMillin, Granby Hilyer. Above delegates were elected and Secretary and President were empowered to select names of other members who will go and add names to the list.
Railroad Discussion	Mr. Murdo McKenzie of Texas Cattle Growers Assn. made some remarks concerning railroads. Mr. J. B. Lynch, Santa Fe Livestock Agent was called on and made a talk which was well received.

Assessment of 1 ct per head On motion of P. G. Scott an assesment of 1 ct per head on cattle and horses was voted to raise money necessary to continue wolf bounty another year and to meet current expenses. Motion carried.

Stock killed on RR. Discussion regarding securing pay from railroads for stock killed participated in by several members. Mr. E. McCrillis stated that State Board were preparing to make a test case so no action was taken here. On motion adjourned after one of best meetings ever held by this Assn.

M. J. McMillin, Sec.

* * * * *

Las Animas, Colo.

Feb. 20th, 1905

Annual Meeting The Bent & Prowers County Cattle and Horse Growers Association met at court house for 35th regular annual meeting. Meeting was called to order at 11 A. M. by M. H. Murray, President. Officers present M. H. Murray, President; A. N. Parish, 1st Vice President; M. J. McMillin, Secretary and John R. Sullivan, Asst. Secretary. Other members present Dr. Charles G. Lamb, Mosby A. Lee, W. H. Stone, Richard Klett, Wm. H. Wilson, R. J. Watson, John O. Connell, James Cushney.

Committee consisting of A. N. Parish and J. A. Sullivan appointed by President to examine accounts of Secretary. Meeting then adjourned to 2 P. M. Meeting again called to order by President Murray at 3 P. M.

Several other members attended the afternoon session. Among them being P. G. Scott, Treas., F. P. Johnson, Sec. State Association; J. J. Cooper and others.

Minutes of 1904 annual meeting was read and approved.

Application new members A. H. Barrett of Vilas, Baca Co., Colo. and M. J. Lyons of Lamar, were voted on and admitted as new members, the \$5.00 fee having been paid to Secretary. Motion made and carried that the name of J. D. Cahill, who was elected a member one year ago, be stricken from the membership roll as he has never paid his membership fee.

J. D. Cahill dropped

Sec. report Secretary and treasurers reports were read as follows and were adopted.

Las Animas Colo. Feb. 20th 1905

To the officers and members of Bent and Prowers Co. Cattle and Horse Growers Association. Gentlemen: In submitting this my fifth annual report to you it gives me considerable satisfaction to remind you of the improvement of railroad service to shippers since our meeting one year ago. Cars have been furnished more promptly, time enroute to market has generally been shortened, and you have again been granted return transportation. This has been the result of cooperation of your local and state associations, and by the earnest work of individuals comprising your state association and the Cattle Growers interstate executive committee and many worthy cattlemen. This Association was able represented at meeting of the state association in Denver March 14 & 15, 1904 by J. J. Cooper, J. C. Johnston, J. R. Smith, A. N. Parish, J. R. Sullivan James Cushing, L. Wirt Markham, Ed. H. Sherlock and M. J. McMillin. Who took an active interest in that meeting. This Association was honored by having Mr. J. J. Cooper appointed as one of the members of committee of state association to report on plan to settle the grazing law problem. And Mr. J. R. Smith was elected member of Executive Committee of state assn. for this district. This association named a long list of delegates to attend special meeting of National Livestock and other stockmens conventions called to meet in Denver Jan 9th to 14th. Among those who attended were P. G. Scott, James Cushney, James Stinson, J. R. Smith, Ed. H. Sherlock, S. N. Canfield. The annual meeting of state association is called to meet March 14 & 15 in Denver. This is to be a very important meeting and delegates should be selected to attend it today.

As your Secretary there has been paid to me money as follows: May 15, 1904 from E. McCrillis Sec state Inspection Board, \$9.00 for one old B4J cow taken up as estray at Deer Trail and sold as an estray. Oct. 15, 1904 I

B4J sales

sold to A. E. Everett, Butcher in Lamar, one B4J 3 year old cow and one B4J two year old heifer for \$30.00 net. Dec. 31, 1904 received from E. McCrillis, Secretary Stock Inspection Board, \$79.50 net for 3 head of B4J steers shipped by Prairie Cattle Co and sold in Kansas City Mo., a total of \$118.59.

Assesment
Collected

On the assesment of 1ct per head made at last meeting there has been paid to me \$213.98. All of above collections have been passed over to P. G. Scott, Treas. I have notified all delinquent members the 2nd time but there is still due about \$150.00 from members. Some action should be taken by this association as all receive benefits from our organization, but only part help pay expenses. I would request that a committee be appointed to audit the accounts of Secretary and see that proper amount has been paid to P. G. Scott, Treas.

It is a pleasure to report that the efforts of stockmen to stamp out the mange has been rewarded by reducing this disease fully 75%, but there is enough on the range and in our herds to require double vigilance for this year so that it may be fully stamped from the range and our herds. It is a pleasure to report that the loss from recent storms have not been as heavy on our members as in many less favored localities, and proves that we still live in the banner counties of Colorado and the west.

Respectfully submitted.

M. J. McMillin, Sec.
TREASURERS STATEMENT

1904		1904			
Feb. 15	Salary M. J. McMillin Sec	50.00	Feb. 15	Cash on hand	100.73
Feb. 15	Supplies, stamps & etc Sec	8.00	Feb. 15	Fee A. M. Chenoweth	5.00
Feb. 15	Wolf Scalp Kay Snadley	5.00		Fee Herring & Stinson	5.00
	1 wolf scalp W. M. Wilson	5.00		Fee James Cushing	5.00
Feb. 20	Cards & postage, J. R. Sullivan	1.00		Fee R. S. Watson	5.00
				Fee W. H. Wilson	5.00
			Feb. 18	Fee J. C. Johnston	5.00
			Feb. 18	Fee A. M. Lambright	5.00
March 2	1 wolf scalp Will Purvis	5.00		Asst Prairie Cattle Co.	15.00
	1 wolf scalp A. J. Howard	5.00	March 7	R. E. Heiser	1.25
March 18	1 wolf scalp Bent King	5.00	March 12	Asst Jno. Sullivan	3.00
April 11	1 wolf scalp M F. Enlow	5.00	March 12	Asst Geo. A. Johnson	1.64
	6 wolf pup scalps Jno. Heinen	15.00	March 12	Asst W. B. Peart	1.00
	3 wolf pup scalps Jack Howard	7.50		Asst. A. B. Ham	2.15
	5 wolf pup scalps Bob Jones	12.50	April 12	Asst Jack Howard	1.50
June 2	F. P. Johnson, Secy state Assn	45.00	April 23	Asst Graham Estate	16.50
June 16	3 wolf pup scalps Josh Howard	7.50	May 31	Asst L. S. Cox	.85
July 6	5 wolf pup scalps Amos Rhodes	12.50	May 31	Anna M. Chenoweth	.70
July 9	1 wolf pup scalp Wm. Charles	2.50		Asst. T. W. Bilderback	1.06
Aug 19	1 wolf scalp Dave Amis	5.00		Asst. Jas. T. Knuckey & Sons	.20
Oct. 10	1 wolf scalp Jesse Dean	5.00		Asst L. Wirt Markham	2.40
	1 wolf scalp Jesse Dean	5.00	Asst.	Herring & Stinson	25.00
Oct 24	1 wolf scalp Nathen Mendenhall	5.00		Asst. Robinson Bros	.90
Dec. 15	1 wolf scalp Dick Anderson	5.00		Asst. N. M. Hesbig	1.00
				Asst. C. W. Burk	.85
				Asst. W. W. Reynolds	2.50
				Asst. Stewert & Pillous Bros.	.85
				Asst. W. J. Adams	10.10
				Asst. W. J. House	13.
				Asst L. F. Mathews	1.50
				Asst. Leslie & Hanson	2.50
				Asst. H. O. Hainline	1.10
				Asst. J. F. Mendenhall	1.37
				Asst. Prowers Land & Meter Co	31.00
				Asst. W. H. Wilson	1.00
				Asst. Mrs. Mary A. Fuller	.35
				Asst. R. Vogel	1.26
				Asst. Maxwell Farm Co	4.25
				Asst. Adolph Froelick	.50
				Asst. Ark. V. S. G & I G L Co	.97
				Asst Walter Mengher	2.65
				Asst. W. G. Sherman	1.00
				Asst. W. E. Vincent	.45
				Asst. J. A. Wilcoxen	1.00
				Asst. I. H. Myers	.27

May 31	Asst. B. T. McClure	3.80
	Asst. H. S. Crittenden	1.00
	Asst. A. Dieter	1.10
	Asst. Lamson Bros	1.60
	Asst. E. H. Edwards	.20
	Asst. Walter Crick	.10
	Asst. Frank Crittenden	2.50
	1 B4J Cow Estray MJMcM.	9.00
Oct. 17	2 B4J cows sold M J McM.	30.00
Jan. 13, 1905	3 B4J Steers sold	79.59
Feb. 7	Asst. W. M. Keating	3.50
	Asst. H. M. Milferd	.25
	Asst. O. F. Downing	1.15
	Asst V. Z. Haven	.75
	Asst. T. M. Phillips	.40
	Asst. J. R. Gordon	1.00
	Asst. Santa Fe Land & Cattle Co	50.00
	Asst. A. E. Donaldson	1.00
	Asst. S. N. Canfield	.30
	Asst. A. E. Bent	.60
	Asst. A. L. Beavers	.25
	Asst. J. R Smith	20.50
	Asst. A. N. Parish	7.40
	Asst. M J. McMillin	6.00

\$510.34

\$510.34

Notify Delinquents	Motion made and carried that Secretary again notify all delinquents on 1904 by June 1st.
Sec Bill	Bill of Secretary for \$8.50 postage and printing for 1904 allowed.
Election of officers	Election of officers being declared in order on motion of A. N. Parish, seconded by R. S. Watson that all the old officers be reelected was carried vix M. H. Murray , President, A. N. Parish, 1st Vice President, J. C. Johnston 2nd Vice President, P. G. Scott Treas, M. J. McMillin Sec., & J. R. Sullivan, Asst. Secy.
Legislation opposing	Letter from F. P. Johnson regarding bill before Legislature to levy a one mill tax on livestock was read. Also the bill itself was read. After considerable discussion the delegation to State Convention were instructed to appeal this bill at state meeting as being unjust legislation on stock men.
Regrets	Letter of regret that he could not be present read from E. M. Crillis.
Balance due State Assn.	Meeting ordered balance of \$45.00 still due the State Association paid. this was one half of our 1904 assesment.
Mr. Murdo McKenzie read paper	Hon Murdo McKenzie being present he was asked to give us a talk on work of inter state executive committee regarding railroad rates, service, & etc. Mr. McKenzie read a very interesting paper telling in part what had been done since the appointment of the interstate executive committee in Denver since last May. He told of his experience before railroad officials also before President Roosevelt & Congress. He urged all stockmen to stand together and to join the American Cattle Growers Association. Mr. McKenzie was heartily applauded and was voted thanks of Association for his presence and splendid paper.
Dr. Lamb	State Veterinary Surgeon, Dr. Charles G. Lamb, read paper on mange regulations and discussed regulations of Government regarding mange. This was discussed by several members and finally Sec. McMillin & Johnson were instructed to draw up a resolution asking the Government to allow cattle that do not show mange to be shipped to market without being dipped.
Mange Resolution	Secretary Fred P. Johnson of state association made a talk on benefit of organization and other matters. Motion made and carried unanimously that we recommend the Hon. A. N. Parish of Lamar for reappointment as member state board of stock inspection commissioners. Mr. Parish was handed several very fine boquets for his splendid work for stockmen while serving on this board and helping to keep it out of hand of Politicians.
Recommend A. N. Parish State Board	

Roundup
Commissioners
District No. 1
North side
Comm

Meeting recommended appointment of James Stinson, Wm. H. Wilson and James Cushney for roundup Commissioners for District No. 1.
For North side of river roundup work Messrs Parish, Smith & Sherlock were appointed a committee to look after work on north side.

O. G. Strain
wolf scalp

On motion O. G. Strain was allowed \$2.50 for one wolf scalp, which was caught a pup but was not killed until was grown.

Sec. salary
\$50.00

On motion of P. G. Scott that Secretary be allowed \$25.00 for 1904 salary. Motion amended by R. S. Watson that the amount be \$50.00 Amended motion carried.

Skinning Cattle

Sec. brought up question of skinning dead cattle on range. The sentiment of members was not to permit anyone to skin cattle on range.

Report to
State Assn

Sec. was ordered to report same no. of cattle & horses to State Association for assesment as last year.

Delegates selected to attend State Convention in Denver March 14 & 15 were A. N. Parish, James Cushney, R. S. Watson, M. H. Murray, M. J. McMillin, Ed H. Sherlock, Thay Huey, John R. Sullivan, J. J. Cooper, J. R. Smith, John O. Connell, J. L. Mayfield, W. J. House, A. M. Lambright, James Stinson, L. Wirt Markham, M. A. Lee, W. J. Adams, Ouyne O Rourke, Wm. H. Wilson, B. T. McClure.

On motion meeting adjourned at 7 P. M.

M. J. McMillin, Secy.

* * * * *

Denver, Colo.
March 15th, 1905

A special meeting of executive committee was held in Room 207 of Albany Hotel, Denver, Colorado. Officers present M. H. Murray, President, A. N. Parish, 1st Vice President, R. S. Watson representing J. C. Johnston, 2nd Vice President, M. J. McMilling, Secretary, J. R. Smith & James Cushnery. Meeting called to order at 2 P. M. by President. Mr. Cushnery explained to meeting that cattle belonging to members of this association were being unlawfully skinned, by some parties and it was feared the cattle had not all died of poverty., that were being skinned. After discussion by all the members Mr. Cushney was advised to proceed to prosecute any and all persons that were guilty of killing or skinning any dead cattle belonging to any member of this association and that this association would assist him in every possible way. Secretary was ordered to put notice in Holly Chieftain, Granada Times, Springfield Herald, and Cerizo Minen for 30 days warning all parties against skinning any dead cattle belonging to any member of this association, without first getting permission of the owner.

There being no further business meeting adjourned.

M. J. McMillin, Secretary

* * * * *

Las Animas, Colo.
June 28th, 1905

A special meeting of executive committee was called to meet in Las Animas by President M. H. Murray. Meeting called to order at 9:30 A. M. by President in rear room of Bent Co. Bank. Those present were M. H. Murray, President; A. N. Parish, First Vice President, P. G. Scott, Treasurer, M. J. McMillin, Secretary being a quorum of executive committee. The first business done was discussion of wolf bounty. It was sence of committee that it was best to continue payment of wolf bounty. Claims were allowed in favor of various parties for wolf scalps presented for payment. and it was moved and carried that any stock owner presenting scalps for bounty killed on his own range shall be required to join this association or bounty would not be paid him.

The prosecution of Baca County parties for skinning cattle belonging to members of this association was discussed. Mr. James Cushney explaining to committee what had been accomplished. Which was in brief, two parties

Pay wolf
bounty only
to stock owners
who belong to
assn.

plead guilty of skinning cattle not their own and were fined \$25.00 each and costs. While two other parties had trials and Jury disagreed and were discharged and both were bound over to next term of court for trial. Mr. Cushney presented a bill for expenses of attorney, inspection and various items of expense in connection with these cases and after discussion, a motion was made and carried to allow Mr. Cushney \$200.00 of the funds of this association to apply on expenses of these cases as he thinks best. And any further donations to be taken up at a later meeting. It was moved and carried that an assessment of 2 cts. per head be made on all cattle and horses belonging to members of this Association, as we are now financially bankrupt. No further business coming up, meeting adjourned Since Due.

M. J. McMillin

* * * * *

Las Animas, Colo.
Feb 19th, 1906

Annual meeting of Bent & Prowers County Cattle & Horse Growers Assn met at Court House at Las Animas in 36th annual meeting. Meeting was adjourned until 1 P. M. to give delegates from La Junta time to arrive. Meeting in afternoon called to order at 2 P. M. by President M. H. Murray. Officers present A. N. Parish 1st Vice President, P. G. Scott Treas., M. J. McMillin Sec. and J. R. Sullivan, Asst. Sec. Members present Cooper, Smith, House, Keating, Klett, Moore, Wilson, Lee, Plearts, Stone, Stinson, Cushney & Hilyer.

Minutes of last annual meeting and special meeting held in Denver and of meeting of executive committee all read and approved.

New Members Applications of Jess Tanner & Jas. Kirkpatrick for membership received and on motion both were elected members. Necessary application fees having been paid.

Sec. Report Sec. report was read and approved. Sec. report was as follows:
Las Animas, Colo. Feb. 19th 1906
To the officers and members of the Bent & Prowers County Cattle & Horse Growers Assn. Gentlemen: I herewith submit to you my sixth annual report as your secretary. In my report one year ago, I congratulated you on the improvement of rail road service and in being granted return transportation. I very much regret that the service this past year has been the worst ever known. You have lost thousands of dollars by the delay in furnishing cars for your shipments and by the enforcements of the 28 hour law. Compelling the railroads to unload your stock when a few more hours would have put you on the market. It is to be hoped that the law may be amended to 36 hours and a time schedule for stock intransit to market, may be enforced.

Delinquent Members I regret to have to report that several of our members are still delinquent on 1904 assessments, and also a large number are delinquent on 1905 assessment. I have sent out several notices of their assessments to delinquent members which requires a considerable amount of time and labor as well as postage and stationery expense. During the year there has been paid to me money as follows

Collected on 1902 assessments	.45 cents
Collected on 1904 assessments	25.80
Collected on 1905 assessments	214.24
Collected on B4J cattle sold	53.37

Total \$293.86

All of this money has been paid to P. G. Scott, Treas. In addition to this there has been some assessments paid direct to P. G. Scott, Treas. Of the above amount of \$53.37 received from sales of B.4.J. cattle the amount of one steer \$28.92 was paid back to E. McCrissis Sec state stock inspection board as it was found on further examination that this steer did not belong to us. I would respectfully ask that an auditing committee be appointed to examine the books and receipts of your Sec. for the past year.

B.4R refund At the recent meeting of State Assn. held in Denver January 29 to Feb. 1st you were represented by following members Parish, Smith, Sherlock, Reynold, Stinson, Cushney, Creigh, & McMillin. It was decided by members present

State Meeting

to pay \$45.00 on our assessment to State Assn. for 1905 at that meeting, which your Secretary paid. Later on an assessment of \$5.00 on each local assn. was made to allow a representative in American National Association. This was also paid and Mr. A. N. Parish was named as the delegate from this Assn. to that convention.

Your Secretary has had considerable correspondence with American Reciprocal Tariff League, Chicago. And named delegates to this convention Mr. J. C Johnston was the only one of our delegates who attended this convention. I have sent list of names of our members on request to National Livestock Assn., American Assn. Public Land Commission and State Agricultural College, so that our members would each receive reports and bulletins from their various Assns. Commissions and College. During past year a great many of our members have sold out almost all their cattle and all have considerable reduced their herds which will make it necessary to closely watch our expenditures as the money raised by assessment will necessarily be smaller.

Respectfully submitted.

M. J. McMillin
Secretary.

* * * * *

Las Animas, Colo.
Feb. 15, 1906

Treas. Report		
Feb. 20, 1905	Balance on hand	\$293.84
Feb. 20, 1905	Asst Las. A. Land & Stock Co.	25.00
Feb. 20, 1905	Fee A. N. Barrett & M. J. Lyons	10.00
Mar. 4	Asst. John O. Connell	3.05
April 28	Asst. Scott Peck	1.25
May 31	Asst. R. H. Blackburn	2.85
June 28	Lane & Murray	12.50
July 17	Asst Granby Hilyer	20.00
July 17	Asst. Prarie Cattle Co.	30.00
July 17	Asst W. J. House	10.00
July 21	Asst Jas Cushney	50.00
July 24	R. F. Klett	20.00
July 24	Asst W. J. Adams	20.00
July 29	Asst Geo. A. Johnson	1.50
Aug. 19	Asst. A. J. Howard	3.00
Oct. 28	One B4J Steer	28.92
Jan. 1, 1906	One B4J Cow & Calf	24.45
Jan. 18	Asst. A. B. Ham	2.15
Jan. 18	Asst A. H. Barrett	6.00
Feb. 15	Various Asst. from M J. McMillin, Sec	104.49
	Total	669.00
P. B. Scott Treas, Cr.		
Feb. 21, 1905	Expenses Sec 8.50 Salary 50.00	58.50
Feb. 21	F. P. Johnson balance Asst State Assn for 1904	45.00
Mar. 2	Wolf pup scalp O. G. Strain and J. D. Turner	5.00
April 14	Wolf scalps Tom Marshall	47.50
April 29	Wolf scalps Haden 5.00 Meymuth 5.00 Sutherland 5.00	15.00
July 8	Telephone messages to Parish & McMillin	.75
July 20	Jas Cushney Baca Co Cases	200.00
Aug 14	R. H. Haden 8 wolf pup scalps	20.00
Aug. 29	Wolf scalp Jess Dean 5.00 Tom Harrison 10.00	15.00
Oct. 21	wolf pup scalp B. Kelly	2.50
Jan. 17, 1906	Refund on B4J Steer	28.92
		<u>\$438.17</u>
Feb. 15, 1906	Balance	230.83
		<u>669.00</u>

Minutes of Feb. 19th 1906 continued:

Bill State Assn.	Correspondence was read. Bill of National Livestock Assn for \$100.00 dues not allowed. Bill for balance due State Assn for 1905 read and on motion was ordered paid. Bill of Sec. for first half our state assn. assessment for 1905 paid by Sec to F. P. Johnson State Sec, \$45.00 and for \$5.00 paid to American National Assn. and for postage, stationery, stenographer and other expenses of \$21.75 total of \$71.75 was ordered paid.
ec. Bill	Bill Jess Tanner for one gray wolf scalp allowed. This \$5.00 also paying his admission fee to stock assn
Bill Jess Tanner	
Election officers	On motion all old officers were reelected for another year.
Sec. salary	On kmotion Sec. was voted \$50.00 for salary for 1905.
Public land	Discussion was had on public land and various other questions but no action taken.
Bill of Granby Hilyer	Bill of Granby Hilyer, Atty., for claim for balance due him of \$176.48 on prosecution of Baca Co. County cases, The Prarie Cattle Co. having paid him \$200.00. This bill lead to some discussion on part of members. Sec. was requested to ask Mr. Hilyer if this Association would pay him one half of above bill, would he accept in full payment. Mr. Hilyer said he would do so. Motion to allow his claim at \$88.24 was so close a vote could not be decided. A roll call was ordered and on vote of 6 to 5 bill was allowed at \$88.24
Cattle killed on RR	Discussion of cattle killed on Railroad by J. B. Dean, Scott Cushney, Parish and others. Mr. Parish told of cases now pending in courts that the state board of Cattle Inspection Commissioners were testing to find whether the present railroad law was any good or not.
Assessment for 1906 2 cts	Assessment for 1906 was ordered to be 2 cts. per head.
Roundup Comm	James Stinson, Wm. H. Wilson, and James Cushney, the present Roundup Commissioners for Dist. No. 1, were requested to serve another year. A. N. Parish & J. R. Smith for north side of river were requested to also serve another year. A. N. Parish and J. R. Smith for north side of river were requested to also serve another year.
Special Meeting	Moved and carried that a special meeting of this Association be held at Lamar some time this fall on such a date as the executive committee may decide on. There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6 P. M.

M J. McMillin

Brands Jess Tanner

V- L < \ E D / L 7

* * * * *

Lamar, Colorado
Aug. 30, 1906

Special Meeting	A special meeting of the Bent & Prowers Co. Cattle & Horse Growers Association was called to order in the Court House at Lamar at 10 O'clock A. M. by President M. H. Murray. Officers and members present were Murray, Scott, Treas., McMillin, Sec and members Cushney, Kirkpatrick, Stinson, Dean, Crittenden, Canfield, Hainline, Lampson, Barrett, Tanner. During the session many more members came in.
Wolf Bounties	Motion carried to suspend regular order of business and take up wolf bounty first thing. Mr. Jess Tanner explained having sent in 3 wolf pup scalps which had been lost and on motion he was allowed \$7.50 for them. Considerable discussion was had on wolf bounty question it being shown that wolves were doing a great deal of damage. And on motion made and carried the bounty was raised to \$10.00 on grown wolves and \$5.00 on pups for a period of one year. That party presenting scalp for bounty shall have a written certificate from the owner of range on which it was killed certifying the date and place where it was killed.
Raising wolf bounty to 10.00 & 5.00	

- Bull Shortage Motion made and carried that members furnishing proof to Secretary of failure of any stockman to have sufficient number of bulls with his cattle, that Secretary be instructed to forward such proof to State Board of Inspection Commissioners and ask them to take proper steps to make the parties comply with the law.
- Legislative Committees Motion made and carried that Murray, McMillin and Tanner be a standing committee to wait on candidates for Legislature this winter and ask them if they will favor Legislation recommended by the organized stockmen of Colorado through the State Association.
- Committee on Membership Motion made and carried that a committee of 5 be appointed to consider new applications for membership and Messrs. Stinson, Dean, Cushney, Scott and Tanner were appointed
- Meeting adjourned until 7:30 P. M.
- Adjourned Meeting Adjourned meeting again called to order by President Murray at 7:30 P. M. Committee on membership reported the following names for membership. They having paid the \$5.00 admission fee. And on motion all were elected members. vis Turner Bros, Monon, Geo. H. Thomas, Lamar, Chas Deitrick, Blaine, L. L. Knox, Springfield, Thos. Dewitt, Lamar, John Pettiesen, Lamar, P. S. Bates, Chivington, Bill Thompson, Vilas, Gid Thompson, Vilas, W. T. Hughes, Benola, Okla., Bent King, Las Animas, W. G. McAfee, Las Animas, Wm. Dargie, Lamar, J. O. Davis, Blaine, Fred Falke, Blaine and G. B. Huntington, Lamar, Colorado.
- try To get special inspector appointed Motion made and carried that Secretary be instructed to cospond with State Board of stock Inspection Commissioners. And try to have a man appointed as special Inspector for 3 months this fall to watch out for cattle that might be driven into Kansas and to watch for rustlers generally.
- Delinquent list Motion made and carried that Secretary have a complete list of all delinquent members prepared for annual meeting.
- Wolf bounty Motion made that all wolves killed after Sept. 1st to April 1st be classed as grown wolves, and from April 1st to Sept. 1st as pups & wolves at \$10.00 and \$5.00 bounty each. Another motion made to pay a uniform price at \$7.50 per head regardless of age. Another motion made & carried to lay all wolf bounty resolutions on table until next Annual Meeting.
- Sec to write stock men on the Carrizo. Motion made and carried that the Secretary write the stockman in the Carrizo Country known as the pool outfit and ask them to join this Association.
- Asst new members Motion made & carried that Association extend to Secretary a vote of thanks for his efforts to find stolen cattle in Kansas recently.
- Adjourn On motion meeting adjourned

M J. McMillin, Secretary

* * * * *

Las Animas, Colorado
February 18th, 1907

The 37th Annual Meeting of the Bent and Prowers County Cattle and Horse Growers Association was held in the Court House at Las Animas. Meeting called to order President M. H. Murray at 11 A. M.

Officers present: Murray, President; Scott, Treas.; McMillin, Sec., and members Cushney, Scott, Knox, Bates, Cooper, Stinson, Tanner being a quorum.

Minutes of annual meeting of Feb 19th, 1906 and of special meeting of Aug. 30th 1906 held at Lamar were read and approved. Messrs Cushney, Stinson, & Cooper, were appointed as a committee to pass on applications for membership and committee reported favorable on application of J. J. Walker, Las Animas, John Nelson, Higbee; Jack Hardy, Higbee, Harvey L. Hall, Springfield, the necessary

\$5.00 application fees having been paid. The names of Ward Bros, Vilas and McNichols Bros, Springfield were presented for membership and were favorable reported on and Sec. was instructed to write them that their membership would commence as soon as they paid the \$5.00 admission Fee. And on motion all were elected members.

Treas. P. G. Scott reported as follows and on motion was adopted.

1906			1906		
Feb. 23	Act Granby Hilyer	88.24	Feb. 19	bal on hand	230.83
	Salary 1905 McMillin Sec	50.00		Fee Jos Kilpatrick	5.00
	State Assn & Expense	71.75		Asst 1905 J. J. Cooper	12.00
	Balance Asst State Assn	45.00		Asst 1905 Lane & Murray	12.50
March 14	1 wolf scalp John Irvin	5.00		Asst 1905 Jno R. Sullivan	3.00
April 26	1 wolf scalp R. Godwin	5.00		Asst 1905 J. B. Dean	2.20
May 23	3 pups J. Hardy	7.50		Asst J. W. Moore	3.75
May 28	2 wolf J. L. Conway	10.00		Fee Jess Tanner	5.00
June 28	5 pups P. Solono	12.50		Asst 1905 R. E. Heiser	2.50
July 11	7 pups L. Blar	17.50		Asst 1905 R. E. Heiser	2.50
July 11	4 Pup Scalps J. A. Stinson	10.00		Asst 1905 Wm Wiley	2.50
July 17	3 " " J. Tanner	7.25		Asst 1906 Wm Wiley	2.00
July 11	2 wolf " J. Tanner	10.00		Asst 1905 Knickey & Sons	1.00
July 11	Asst State Assn 1906	45.00		Asst 1905 Geo A Johnson	1.50
Aug 3	1 Wolf scalp T H Marshall	5.00		Asst 1906 W. B. Peirt	1.00
Aug. 31	3 wolf pups J Tanner	7.50		Recd MJM, Sec.	50.00
Aug. 31	1 " " W. Bates	5.00		Asst 1906 W. J. Adams	15.00
Sept. 4	1 " " O. Robertson	5.00		Recd MJM, Sec	25.00
Sept. 21	34 new brand books	15.00	June 25	Asst Jack Hounl	1.50
Oct. 10	1 wolf J. A. Pierce	10.00	July 11	Asst Herring & Stinson	25.00
Oct. 10	2 pups J. A. Pierce	5.00	July 17	A. B. Ham	2.15
Oct. 10	1 wolf J. A. Pierce	5.00	Sept 1	Georg A Johnson Asst 1906	1.50
Oct. 10	1 pup J. A. Pierce	2.50	Sept 4	Recd M J MC Sec	100.00
Oct. 31	2 wolf D. D. Ammis	20.00	Nov. 4	Recd MJMc Sec 1 B4J Steer.	43.79
Oct. 10	1 wolf Andy Hood	10.00	Nov. 4	" " 1 B4J Cow	
Oct. 31	1 wolf Rex Graham	10.00	Dec. 1	Asst Prarie Cattle Co 1906	30.50
Nov. 13	7 pups J. Howard	17.50	Bal		24.52
Nov. 26	1 wolf Andy Hood	10.00			
Dec. 5	1 pup W. B. King	2.50			
Dec. 12	1 wolf Copanske	10.00			
Dec. 12	2 wolf Rob Colton	20.00			
Dec. 12	2 wolf Bent King	20.00			
Dec. 14	1 wolf Andy Hood	10.00			
Dec. 14	1 wolf C H. Tanner	10.00			
Dec. 20	1 wolf L. Cahil	10.00			
Dec. 24	1 wolf C. Cook	10.00			
		604.74			604.74

Having paid bounty on 35 wolves and on 36 pups during past year and 2 wolves and one pup not yet paid for.

Meeting adjourned to 1 P. M.

Meeting again called to order at 2 P. M. by M. Murray, President. Members Plant, Wilson, Glozebrook, Kirkpatrick, being present also. Sec report was read and adopted.

Sec. rep. 1907 To the officers and members of the Bent & Prowers Co. Cattle and Horse Growers Assn. Gentlemen:

In submitting this my 7th annual report to you. It is with considerable pleasure I can call your attention to the better prices now being received for your cattle and horses. and for the good prospects for future as far as prices are concerned. The question of leasing or Government control of the public range is one that effects every member who uses the Government free range in any way and you should be very careful in the selection of your officers today that men are elected who will devote the time necessary to looking after your interests

so that the greatest good may be done for the greatest number

During the past year I have done a great deal of correspondence. For the special meeting held at Lamar Aug 30th, 1906 over two hundred letters were sent out to members and stockmen who were asked to become members. At this meeting 11 new members were admitted. At the Lamar meeting I was instructed to write to other stockmen and especially to the Corrizo Pool Outfit asking them to join with us. Over 50 letters were sent out at that time. I did not have the time to write these letters myself so had to employ a stenographer to do it.

Special Inspection At the Lamar meeting, I was instructed to write the state board of stock inspection Commissioners asking them to employ a man for 3 months in the fall to watch out for cattle being driven across the Kansas line and for rustlers generally. This was done and Mr. P. S. Bates was appointed and spent 3 months in our interests and no doubt prevented more stock from being driven off.

Since our last annual meeting I have collected on assessments	\$238.58
On admission fees	55.00
On B 4 J cattle sold	43.79
Total of	\$337.29

I have paid of this amount to Treas. P. G. Scott \$294.74 leaving a balance in my hands of \$42.55. Several members have also paid their assesment direct to Treas Scott.

At the meeting held at Lamar the secretary was instructed to notify the state board of stock Inspection Commissioners of any parties who were short bulls on the range. And the members were to furnish secretary with names of parties who were short bulls and the the proof to be forwarded to state board. Your Sec received one letter giving names of several parties who were short bulls, but did not give any idea as to how many any one was short. I wrote back asking for more specific charges and never received any reply. I did not consider the information furnished was sufficient to go before the state board so have done nothing about the matter.

I would respectfully ask that a committee be appointed to audit Secretary Books for past year.

Respectfully submitted.

M. J. McMillin, Sec.

Motion made & carried that Mr. Mosby A. Lee be endorsed by this association for reappointment as stock inspector for this district.

Election of Officers On motion M. H. Murray was reelected President. A. N. Parish, 1st Vice President, H. Goazebrook 2nd vice president, P. G. Scott, Treas, KM. J. McMillin Sec, John R. Sullivan, Asst Sec.

Discussion of wolf bounty being declared in order same was discussed by different members. Treas. report having shown we have paid bounty for about 65 wolves past year and it was the sense of the meeting that the bounty should be continued.

Motion made and carried that Murray and Scott be appointed a committee for Bent County and McMillin & Cushney for Prowers County to wait upon the boards of Commissioners and try to get them to make an appropriation to help us pay bounty on wolves. Motion made and carried that these committees wait upon the boards of commissioners as soon as possible and that we continue present bounty until the executive committee should decide otherwise. Moved and carried that Messrs Stinson & Kirkpatrick be a committee to wait upon the sheepmens organization to night to see what assistance they are willing to give towards paying wolf bounty.

Sec. instructed to write Mr. C. F. Wheeler at Vilas to take bills of sale of hides in future and have same inspected before taking them out of the state in future.

Moved and carried that A. N. Parish be endorsed for reappointment on State Board of Stock Inspection Commissioners. Moved and carried that Treas. Scott. receive wolf scalps in Bent Co. and Sec. McMillin in Prowers Co. and destroy same in future.

On motion meeting adjourned.

M. J. McMillin, Sec.

Money received by M. J. McMillin, Sec.

1907	From		Amount
Feb. 18	Jas. Kirpatrick	Asst 1907	\$ 2.00
March 7	Ward Bros	Admission Fee	5.00
March 7	McNickel Bros	Admission Fee	5.00
March 7	McNickel Bros	Asst 1907	6.00
March 23	A. N. Parish	Asst 1906 & 1907	20.00
March 23	I. H. Myers	Asst 1907	1.00
March 23	H. O. Hainline	Asst 1907	2.00
March 28	B. T. McCline	Asst 1907	10.00
March 28	Herring & Stonson	Asst 1907	25.00
March 28	AVSB & IL Co	Asst 1907	12.00
March 28	Bent King	Asst 1907	3.50
March 28	Prarie Cattle Co	Asst 1907	40.00
Mar h 30	J. F. Hardy	Asst 1907	4.00
April 1st	J. T. Knuckey & Sons	Asst. 1907	1.00
April 5	C. A. Deitrich	Asst. 1907	1.50
April 6	Gid R. Thompson	Asst. 1907	1.50
April 6	G. M. Sherman	1905-06-07	4.50
April 16	J. J. Walker	Asst 1907	3.00
April 1st	Phillips Inv. Co.	Asst 1907	30.00
April 16	Ward Bros	Asst 1907	5.50
April 16	Harney L. Hull	Asst 1907	2.15
April 18	L. S. Cox	Asst 1907	3.00
April 18	J. L. Mayfield	1905-06-07	15.00
April 22	Jess Tanner Cr on wolf scalp voucher		4.00
April 11	W. W. King	Adm. fee	5.00
April 11	W. W. King	Asst 1907	1.60
April 11	L. W. Zeiser	Adm. Fee	5.00
April 11	L. W. Zeiser	Asst 1907	2.00
April 26	Frank Crittenden	Asst 1907	4.00
April 26	W. J. House	Asst 1907	12.00
May 2nd	Wm. Dargie	1906 & 1907	10.00
May 23	D. H. Edwards	1907	.50
May 28	Hardy Pillous by wolf scalp	1905-06-07	5.00
May 28	W. J. Hughes	Asst. 1907	10.00
June 23rd	Jno. O. Davis	Asst. 1907	4.00
1908 Jan 4	W. H. Wilson	Asst. 1907	5.00
			<u>\$260.75</u>

* * * * *

Las Animas, Colo.
Feb. 24th, 190838th

The 28th annual meeting of the Bent & Prowers County Cattle & Horse Growers Association was called to order at 10 AM by A. N. Parish, 1st Vice President in the absence of M. H. Murray, President.

Officers and members present	Officers present were Parish 1st Vice President, Scott, Treas. & McMillin, Sec. And members present during the day were Cushney, Klett, Knox, Pettisew, Bent King, J. R. Smith, Stone, Peart, Wilson, Hon. Crittenden, Lee, and Mr. Sykes representing Prarie Cattle Co.
Minutes ap	Minutes of meeting of Feb. 18th, 1907 read and approved.
Report of Committee on wolf bounty	Report of committees appointed last year to wait on Board of County Commissioners to try to get help from them on wolf bounty fund reported: Bent Co. Committee reported that Bent Co. had no available fund but would help us this year. On motion of Mr. Cushney a committee was appointed to wait on Bent Co. Commissioners today and see what assistance they would give and Scott, Cushney & J. R. Smith were appointed on Committee.
Report of Prowers Co. Comm.	McMillin & Cusheny the Prowers Co. Committee for same purpose reported that Prowers Co. had agreed to pay \$5.00 per wolf up to 50 wolves and might then continue the bounty.
Sec. report	Secretary report for 1907 was read and adopted Carlton, Colo. Feb. 24th 1908 To the officers and members of the Bent & Prowers Co. Cattle & Horse Growers Association. Gentlemen: I herewith submit to you my 8th annual report as

your Sec.

wolf
bounty

At the annual meeting held here Feb. 18, 1907 Mr. James Cushney & myself were appointed a committee to wait upon the Board of County Commissioners to get them to assist us in paying wolf bounty. Your committee at the 2nd meeting of board were heard. We asked them to pay a bounty of \$5.00 on all wolves killed in Prowers Co. They finally agreed to pay \$5.00 per head bounty on 50 wolves, and further said when that number had been paid they would consider the matter again and might continue to pay the bounty. All scalps were to be presented to your Sec. who had to vouch for it to the board who would then draw warrant for same and destroy the scalp.

Bull
Shortage

On the question of bull shortage around Las Animas I had considerable correspondence with state board of stock inspection commissioners and with interested parties. All of which correspondence I have here so matter can be taken up if necessary.

On account of our high wolf bounty and not having received any financial assistance as yet from Bent Co. or the sheep men association, and the large number of our own members who have not paid any assessments for 1906 and 1907, our finances as will be shown by Treas. report are in very bad condition. A large number of our wolf bounty claims are unpaid. Our annual assessment to State Association for 1907 of \$50.00 remains unpaid. Therefore our Association was not represented at the annual convention held in Denver in January of this year. Immediately after our meeting held last year the applications of W. W. King and L. D. Yeiser of Yeiser, Colo. were received asking to be admitted as members, the necessary \$5.00 admission fee accompanying the application. I took the matter up with executive Committee and was advised to accept them as members, which was done. Since our last meeting there has been paid to me for admission Fees \$20.00 for assessments \$231.75 and for Assessments by wolf scalps \$9.00 or a total of \$260.75. All of which I have paid over to P. G. Scott, Treas. I would respectfully ask that a committee be appointed to audit my accounts for past year.

Respectfully submitted

M. J. McMillin, Sec.

Treas Report

Chair appointed Klett & King as committee to examine Sec. Books.
Treas. Report was read and discussed.
Treas. report
Twenty-fourth Annual Statement of P. G. Scott, Treas.

Credits

Feb. 18th 1907	by McMillin Sec.	97.95
Asst Ely & Blackburn		10.00
March 1	Asst John Nelson	5.00
March 8	Asst by McMillin, Sec	16.00
March 16	Asst Geo. A. Johnson	1.60
March 29	Asst McMillin Sec.	42.50
March 30	Asst A. Froliek	3.00
April 11	Asst McMillin, Sec.	46.00
April 11	Fee Yeiser & King & Asst.	13.60
April 13	Asst. A. B. Ham	2.15
April 17	McMillin, Sec.	40.65
April 22	Asst W. B. Peart	2.00
April 25	Asst. Jess Tanner	4.00
April 29	Asst. McMillin, Sec.	16.00
April 29	Asst. Hardy Pilloud	5.00
April 29	Asst W. T. Hughes	10.00
April 22	McMillin, Sec.	18.00
June 1st	Asst Jack Howard	2.50
Dec. 18	Bull sold by J. Cushney	28.00
Jany. 7	Asst. W. H. Wilson	5.00
Feb. 18	McMillin, Sec.	44.00
		<u>\$412.95</u>

Debits

Feb. 18, 1907	Balance due B. C. Burk	\$24.53
	McMillin, Sec. expenses	35.80
March 22	1 wolf Andy Horel	10.00
March 30	2 wolves J. A. Stinson	20.00
April 2	1 wolf McArthur	10.00
April 17	1 wolf August Johnson	10.00
April 25	11 wolf pups L. D. Yeiser	110.00
April 25	1 wolf Jess Tanner	10.00
	1 wolf John Oneil	5.00

Treasurers report Continued:

April 25	1 wolf Harry Cline	10.00
May 29	1 wolf Hardy Pilloud	5.00
May 31	1 wolf Tom Marshall	10.00
June 1st	3 Wolf pups Jack Howard	30.00
	Cash on hand	122.63
		<u>\$412.95</u>

24 wolf scalps have been paid for during year and due bills for wolf scalps have been issued.

June 1st	Jack Howard	14 scalps
June 3	Herring & Stinson	11 scalps
June 20	D. Martinez	3 scalps
July 5	Herring & Stinson	1 scalp
July 5	Jim Scott	1 scalp
July 5	H. L. Palmer	1 scalp
July 5	W. M. Wilson	1 scalp
Oct. 1	Jas. Cushney	2 scalps
Nov. 13	H. L. Palmer	1.00
Dec. 11	Jack Hardy	1 scalp
Feb. 7, 1908	J. A. Stinson	1 scalp
Feb. 21	J. Weymuth	2 scalps
		<u>39 scalps</u>

Motion carried to appoint a committee to examine Treas. report and report how we stand on wolf bounty fund. Committee appointed Scott, Cushney & McMillin.

Election
of officers

Motion made by J. R. Smith that proceed to election of officers. Carried. Moved by Mr. Parish, Mr. Scott in Chair that Mr. M H. Murray be reelected President; Carried. Other officers elected James Cushney 1st Vice President, Mr. Glazebrook 2nd Vice President; P. G. Scott, Treas, M. J. Mc Millin Sec. and Bent King, Asst. Sec.

Moved and carried to adjourn to 1 P. M.

Report Com.

Meeting again called to order by Mr. Parish at 1:30 P. M. Committees appointed to examine Sec. and Treas. books reported everything correct and reports were adopted.

Levy 1908

Moved & carried to levy a 2 cts per head assessment for 1908.

Stop paying
wolf bounty

Moved and carried that we discontinue paying wolf bounty until our present indebtedness is paid.

Dues to
State Assn

Question of settlement of dues to State Association left with Sec. to settle to best possible advantage. Also the number of head of cattle to be reported to State Association left with Sec.

Delinquent
Members

Delinquent members on dues of 1906 and 1907 were discussed and it was decided not to drop any delinquent members at this time but Sec. was to write them letters urging them to pay u.

Sec. bill

Sec. presented bill for \$23.25 for various incidental expenses for past year which was allowed and order drawn on Treas. for same.

Endorsing
Burkill Land
Leasing Bill
as amended

Moved by Mr. Cushney that this Assn. pass a resolution and that a copy be sent to Mr. Tomlinsen, Sec. American National Assn. Also to our Senators and Representatives in Congress, endorsing the Burkett Bill embodying the suggestions as made by Committee of A. N. Livestock Assn. Motion voted on by yea and nay vote. Chair ruled he was not sure how to decide vote and called for a rising vote and motion was declared carried.

Mange
Question

Mr. Shumaker, Gov. Mange Inspector, being present was called on and asked to state what he had found on his recent investigation in Baca County. He estimated that 50% of cattle in Baca Co. have mange and from what he had seen in Prowers Co. cattle thought a much less number were affected. Remarks were made by Parish, Sykes, Petterson and Wilson on Mange question.

Sec. instructed to write Mr. Tomlinson, Sec. National Association and ascertain how much our dues are to National Association.

Roundup Messrs. Cushney, Wilson and McMillin were appointed a committee to arrange for
Committees roundup work on south side of river. Messrs Smith and Parish were appointed
a committee for north side of river.

Legislative Messrs Murray, Tanner and Smith were appointed a Ligislative Commettee to inter-
Committee view candidates for Legislature and ask them to support Legislation they may
be asked for by cattle interests of the state.

Mr. Sykes Mr. Sykes was appointed by Chair a committee to interview Board of County
Committee Commissioners of Las Animas Co. and try to get them to agree to pay a wolf
bounty as large majority of wolves killed and presented for payment were kil-
led in Las Animas Co.

On motion meeting adjourned.

M. J. Mc Millin.

Las Animas, Colo.
April 8th, 1908

A called meeting of Executive Committee was held at Bent Co. Bank. Meeting
called to order by President Murray at 1:30 P. M. Members present: Murray
President; Cushney 1st Vice President, Scott, Treas; McMillin, Sec. and a
quorum. Also W. H. Wilson representing Mr. Glazebrook 2nd Vice President.
After a discussion of cattle being unlawfully butchered recently near Lamar,
a motion was made and carried to appropriate \$700.00 to pay reward for the
arrest and conviction of thief or thieves. No further business was trans-
acted and meeting adjourned.

M. J. McMillin, Sec.

* * * * *

Las Animas, Colo.
Feb. 15th, 1909

The 39th annual meeting of the Bent & Prowers County Cattle & Horse Growers
Association met at Court House at 2 P. M. President M. H. Murray being
absent meeting was called to order & presided over by Wm. Glazebrook 2nd
Vice President. Officers present were Wm. Glazebrook 2nd Vice President,
P. G. Scott, Treas, M. J. McMillin, Sec. and members Parish, Smith, Pettier-
sen, Jones, Klett, Lee, Cooper and Dr. Chas. G. Lamb.

Minutes Minutes of annual meeting of Feb. 24, 1908 read and approved. Minutes of spe-
approved cial meeting of Executive Committee on April 6th 1908 read and approved.

New Application of Jacob Harmon of Stonnington for membership considered and on
Members motion was elected. J. R. Smith from Committee to wait on Bent Co. Com-
missioners regarding paying wolf bounty reported they voted to pay bounty of
\$2.50 per head.

Treas. Feb. 15th 1909 Treas. Report
Report Report of P. G. Scott, Treas (being his 25th annual
report)

Credits

Balance on hand Feb. 24th, 1908		122.65
April 4	Asst Geo. Johnson	2.00
	Fee J. C. Jones	5.00
April 6	Rec'd from M. J. McMillin, Sec.	88.00
April 18	Asst W. B. Peart	2.00
April 20	Asst. R. F. Klett	6.00
April 20	Received from M. J. McMillin, Sec. 15.00 & 24.00	39.00
April 20	Wolf Bounties from Prowers Co. on 4 scalps	20.00
May 1	Received from M. J. McMillin, Sec	5.00
May 7	Asst. A. B. Ham	5.00
May 13	Turner Bros from Mc Millin, Sec.	16.00

Treasurers Report--Continued:

June 3rd	Asst. Jack Howard	2.50
Sept 19th	Cow & Yearling sold by Jas Cushney	35.94
Feb. 9, 1909	Received from J. J. McMillin, Sec.	31.60
	Total	\$380.67

Debits		
Feb. 28, 1908	M. J. McMillin, Sec. bill	\$23.25
	Asst State Association	25.00
March 9		
May 1st	Prowers Co Wolf Bounty to J. D. Scott	20.00
	Balance on hand	<u>3 12.42</u>
		\$380.67
1908 Due for bounty on 36 wolf scalps for 1907 & 08		360.00
Due for 19 scalps for 1908		<u>190.00</u>
		550.00

Report was accepted and approved.

Sec. Report

Las Animas, Colo. Feb. 15th, 1909

To the officers and members of the Bent & Prowers County Cattle and Horse Growers Association Gentlemen:

I herewith submit to you my 9th annual report as your Secretary. Immediately following our last annual meeting, I sent notices of 1908 assessment to all members. Up to date, I have received for all assessments collected from Feb. 24th, 1908 to Feb. 15, 1909 the sum of \$ 179.60, all of which I have paid to P. G. Scott, Treas. So many of our members have sold out or reduced their herds that our receipts are very light. As far as I know we have not yet received any financial assistance to help pay our old wolf bounty indebtedness from the sheep mens association but the Treas. report will show you our exact financial standing. The party, M. A. McAdams, who was arrested at Lamar for butchering cattle belonging to members of our Association has had his trial put off until April term of court.

I would recommend a committee be appointed to examine Sec. Accounts.

Respectfully submitted.

M. J. McMillin, Sec.

Report was adopted.

Election of Officers

Election of officers being in order, Mr. A. N. Parish nominated Mr. James Cushney for President and he was unanimously elected. Wm. Glazebrook elected 1st Vice President; A. N. Parish, 2nd Vice President; P. G. Scott, Treas.; M. J. McMillin, Sec; John R. Sullivan for Asst. Secy.

Under head of general business the following resolution was introduced by J. R. Smith and was unanimously adopted.

Resolution
A. N. Parish

Whereas: We the Bent and Prowers County Cattle and Horse Growers Association, realizing that the state board of stock Inspection Commissioners is a board dealing only with matters pertaining to our industry. And whereas, it is certainly to our interest to have a representative on said board thoroughly acquainted with our interests and needs, and whereas, Mr. A. N. Parish has been a member of said board since its organization and is thoroughly in touch with the needs of our territory. And has in the past represented us on said board in a most satisfactory manner. Be it resolved: That we most heartily endorse Mr. Parish for reappointment and most respectfully urge his excellence Gov. John F. Shafforth to consider our wishes in this matter to the end that Mr. Parish may be made a member of the State Board of Stock Inspection Commissioners. Resolution unanimously adopted, And on motion Sec. ordered to forward copy of Resolution to Gov. John F. Shafforth.

M. J. McMillin presented following resolution which after discussion was unanimously adopted. Whereas: We the Bent & Prowers County Cattle and Horse Growers Association realize that the state board of stock inslection commissioners and their employees have to to directly and solely with our industry and whereas, the present and former boards have retained the services of Mr. E. McCrillis as Secretary.

Dr. Chas. G. Lamb as state veterinarian and surgeon and Mr. M. A. Lee as Inspector in this district and whereas: these gentlemen have filled their respective positions in a manner most satisfactory to the stockmen of this district and to make any change in these officers at the present time would, in our judgment, work to the great disadvantage of stockmen. Be it Resolved: That we commend the action of the present board in retaining the services of the above mentioned gentlemen and be it further resolved:

That we most respectfully and earnestly urge the incoming board to re-appoint Mr. McCrillis as Secretary, Dr. Lamb as state Veterinary Surgeon and Mr. Lee as Inspector for this district.

Adopted unanimously by the Bent & Prowers County Cattle & Horse Growers Association at its meeting Feb. 15th 1909. M. J. McMillin, Sec.

Resolution offered by J. C. Jones asking Congress to reconsider its action on Burkett Land Leasing Bill. After considerable discussion Mr. Jones withdrew the resolution.

Cattle killing case at or near Las Animas was discussed and it was ordered that state board be asked to employ Mr A. M. Lambright to help prosecute the case.

On motion assessment for 1909 was fixed at 2 cts per head payable at once.

Sec. bill for \$14.05 for miscellaneous expenses for 1908 was allowed. and on motion meeting adjourned.

M. J. McMillin, Sec.

* * * * *

Las Animas, Colo.

Feb. 21st, 1910

The Bent and Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association met at Las Animas for their 40th annual meeting.

Meeting was called to order at 1:30 P. M. by James Cushney, President. Officers present were James Cushney, President, P. G. Scott, Treas., M. J. McMillin Sec. and John R. Sullivan, Asst. Sec. Members present during meeting was Klett, Lee, Lyons, Moore, Cooper, Peart.

Minutes Approved Minutes of last annual meeting read and approved.

Treas. Report P. B. Scott Treas reported as follows

Feb. 6, 1909	Balance	\$317.42	Feb. 20, 1909	Paid out	\$15.05
Feb. 6	J. H. Harmon Fee	5.00		Balance	443.77
Feb. 6	A. N. Parish Asst.	12.00			
April 9	Ely & Blackburn Asst.	10.00	M. J. Lyons	Dues	2.00
June 8	M. J. McMillin, Sec. Asst.	66.00			
July 17	Goa A. Johnson Asst. 1909	1.00			
Oct. 30	A. B. Ham Asst. 1909	5.00			
Dec. 27.	1 B4J Steer	37.20			
Feb. 19, 1910	M. J. McMillin Sec.				
	Assts	9.20			
		\$457.82			\$457.82
Feb. 21	N. J. Lyons Asst 1909	2.00			
	Showing balance of	\$445.77			
	On motion report was adopted.				

Sec. report

To the officers and members of B. & P. Co. Cattle & H. G. Assn. Gentlemen: I herewith submit to you my 10th annual report as your Sec. The present condition of our Association financially is very discouraging to say the least. Soon after our last annual meeting I sent out letters to all our members notifying them of 1909 assessment. Only eleven members have paid in their 1909 assessment to me and the total amount paid to me was \$92.20. All of which I have paid to P. G. Scott, Treas. Those paying by counties are as follows: Bent Co. 1, Otero Co. 1, Baca County 3, Prowers Co. 5 Kansas 1. On account of no fund to pay our assessment to the State Association, our Association was dropped.

The M. A. McAdams trial for cattle killing was held at Lamar in April and resulted in a hung jury

It was again tried in Nov. 1909 and after many hours of waiting jury rendered a verdict of acquittal. It is however some satisfaction to know that the trial has had a good moral effect and that a majority of both Juries do not hesitate to say he was guilty but say it was not proven.

While the public range is being gradually taken up by homesteaders, there will be some open ranges for grazing purposes for years to come and many of the new settlers will own small bunches of stock. And I think it would be very unfortunate to let our Association die. For only thru organization can we expect to have any influence in the matter of who our Inspectors are or in members of State Board of Stock Inspection Commissioners or in legislation affecting our interests

Respectfully submitted

M. J. McMillin, Sec.

Report was adopted.

Officers
Elected

On motion of J. W. Moore and duly carried all the old officers were re-elected.

General business:

Discussion of wolf bounty

Resolution

Resolved: That in as much as the Treas. spent for 1909 show that there is an outstanding debt amounting to \$550.00 for wolf scalps, and there not sufficient funds to pay for these bounties. At the rate of \$10.00 per head. Its now resolved to offer in full payment for all bounties now due the sum of 50% less any assessment owing by members of the Association, who presented their claims. Resolution was carried unanimously.

State
Association

Motion carried that Sec. take up matter of again joining State Association and do the best for the Association he could.

Resolution
to State Board

Resolution adopted unanimously thanking state Board of stock Inspection Commissioners for retaining services of Mr. E. McCrillis as Sec of their board and Dr Chas. G. Lamb, as state Veterinary Surgeon and Mr. Mosby, A Lee and J. R. Smith as Inspectors for this district. And we commend them for the good work they are doing.

Assessment

Moved and carried that Assessment for 1910 be 2 cts. per head.

Bill of Sec. for \$12.50 for stationary, postage and expenses for 1909 was allowed.

On motion Meeting adjourned

M. J. McMillin, Sec.

* * * * *

Las Animas, Colo. Feb. 20th 1911

This being the date for 41st Annual Meeting of the Bent & Prowers Co. Cattle and Horse Growers Association. Secretary went to Las Animas but on account of heavy snow storm there was not a quorum present. Those present were P. G. Scott, Treas, M. J. McMillin, Sec. and J. R. Smith. Treas Scott had his report ready which was as follows:

Expenses:

March 5	M. J. McMillin Expenses 1909	12.50
March 24	Old dues State Association	25.00
March 24	Wolf Scalps Don Culliania	20.00
April 9	Wolf Scalps Wm. Wilson	5.00
April 28	Wolf Scalps Alex Camerone	5.00
April 29	Wolf Scalps James Cusheny	10.00
April 30	Wolf Scalps J. C. Scott	12.50
April 30	Attorney Fee A. M. Lambright	50.00
July 5	Advertising Las Animas Leader	3.75
September 26th	Wolf Scalps A. J. Howard	100.00
Dec, 23rd	State Association Dues 1910	10.00
	Balance on hands	256.02
		\$509.77

Treasurers Report Continued:

Receipts

Feb. 21, 1910	Balance on hand	443.77
	Dues M. J. Lyons	2.00
Feb. 21	Dues J. W. Moore	10.00
Feb. 24	Dues Prarie Cattle Co.	30.00
Feb. 28	Dues A.V.S.B. & I. L. Co.	2.00
May 4	Dues G. Johnson, Sec.	1.00
May 20	Dues F. Crittendon	5.00
May 20	Dues Turner Bros	6.00
Feb. 18, 1911	L. L. Knox 2.00 Phillips Inv. Co. 6.00	8.00
	From M. J. McMillin, Sec.	
	Total	\$509.77

On account of no quorum being present meeting was postponed to some future date.

M. J. McMillin, Secretary

* * * * *

Las Animas, Colo.
Feb. 19th, 1912

- Annual Meeting** The Bent Co. Prowers Co. Cattle & Horse Growers Association met in 42nd Annual Meeting at Court House in Las Animas at 2 P. M. Meeting called to order by James Cushney, President. Officers and members present were James Cushney, President, P. G. Scott, Treas., M. J. McMillin, Sec. J. R. Sullivan, Asst. Sec. and Members Dean, McAfee, Huey, Moore and Others. Minutes of meeting of Feb. 21, 1910 and Feb. 20th, 1911 read and approved.
- New Members** Mr. F. E. Lamport of Lamport Buco Co. and J. D. Mitchell & sons of Las Animas were admitted to membership.
- Treas. Report** Treas. P. G. Scott reported he had collected \$1.00 from Geo. Johnson, Sec. for assessment during year.
- Sec. report** To the officers and members of the Bent & Prowers Co. Cattle & Horse Growers Assn. I herewith submit my 12 annual report as your Sec. No meetings of Assn. were held during past year. No Assessments were made and only two members viz H. S. Crittenden 5.00 and L. L. Knox 2.00 paid any back assessments. During past year we have seen a bitter attack made on State Board of Stock Inspection Commissioners by disgruntled parties and politicians.
- Dr. Chas. G. Lamb for several years State Veteriary Surgeon, replaced by Dr. W. W. Yard, At the demand of Gov. Shafroth solely because he was a Democrat. It seems to me very important to keep up our organization, to keep our membership alive in State Association and thus to be able to protect our interests from the politicians. Many homesteaders have found they could not make a living "Dry Farming" and have left the country and there will be open range for many years to come in some places.
- Election of officers** Respectfully submitted M. J. McMillin, Secretary
On motion of P. G. Scott, Seconded by W. G. McAfee the old officers were all reelected. They are James Cushney, President, Wm. Glazebrook 1st V. P., A. N. Parish 2nd V. P., P. G. Scott, Treas., M. J. McMillin, Sec. J. R. Sullivan, Asst. Sec.
- General Business** Mr. Mitchell made statement about mare that was accidentally killed by a settler on Mud Creek, who claimed the animal but said he would personally investigate it before asking Association to take action. It was decided to levy no assessment at this time.
- Sec. was instructed to keep our membership paid up in State Association.
- General Discussion of wolf bounty and other matters by members present. Following Resolutions were unanimously adopted.
- Resolution No. 1** Whereas certain individuals in the territory of this Association have been stealing and shipping the hides of cattle belonging to members of this Association and others, and Whereas Mr. J. R. Smith, Inspector for this district has displayed praiseworthy activity in the suppression of such practices, Therefore be it Resolved: That this meeting cordially endorse

Mr. Smith's work in this respect. And request for him the hearty support of the State Board of Stock Inspection Commissioners and of all stockmen.

Resolution
No. 2

We the members of the Bent & Prowers Co. Cattle & Horse Growers Association in Annual Convention assembled, recognizing the efficiency and the faithfulness of Mosby A. Lee and J. R Smith, Inspectors for this district, desire to express our appreciation of their services. Therefore be it Resolved:

That the thanks of this Association and its officers are due to Messrs. Lee and Smith for their untiring diligence in the performance of their duties and their careful safe guarding of our interests. That a copy of this Resolution be sent to each of these Inspectors and to the State Board of Stock Inspection Commissioners, Denver. And we spend upon our records.

Appoint delegates to State Association

Sec. instructed to appoint delegates to State Stock Association meeting when it is called. Also to put notices of next annual meeting in Newspapers.

Bill of Sec for \$13.55 for postage, cards, & having notices of Assessments wrote and mailed to members and expenses for past two years was allowed.

On Motion meeting adjourned.

M. J. McMillin, Secretary

* * * * *

Las Animas, Colo.
Feb. 17th, 1913

The Bent & Prowers Co. Cattle and Horse Growers Assn. met at Court House at 1:30 P. M. in 43 Annual Convention. In absence of Mr. James Cushnery, President, the meeting was called to order by Mr. H. Glassbrook 1st Vice President. Officers and members present were: P. G. Scott, Treas, M. J. McMillin, Sec, Wm. Wilson, Walter Meagher, J. R Smith, Dan Malloy, Wm. Dargie, J. W. Moore, Thad Huey, J. D. Mitchell, Mr. Spencer, of Prowers Land and Cattle Co, A. D. Hudnall

Sec.
Report

Sec. reported he did not have the minute book with him, so minutes of previous meeting were not read. Sec. also reported that he had neither collected or expended anything for the past year. Treas made brief report.

Legislature
discussed

The members discussed several bills now pending before the Legislature and on motion endorsed Senate Bill 355 known as the Railroad Stock Killing Bill No. 58. Transfer of Brand department to Stock Inspection Bkard. Also the bill to increase Stock Inspection Fees from 3 to 5ct per head. Also went on record as opposing all herd law bill now before the Legislature.

Resolved that Secretary send copy of Resolution to Hon. A. N. Parish, Dr. John S. Hasty and M. M. Simpson, Representatives from Bent Co.

Resolution

The following Resolution was sent to above Gentlemen:

Dear Sir:

At the Annual Meeting of the Bent & Prowers Co. Cattle and Horse Growers Assn. held this date, we unanimously endorse Senate Bill no. 58 and No. 355. And also are in favor of the bill to allow State Stock Inspection Board to charge a fee of five cents per head for inspection, instead of three cents as at present.

Our Association also went on record as opposed to the herd law. Trusting you will use your best efforts to have these measures passed and the last defeated, we are Yours Respectfully, The Bent & Prowers Co. Cattle and Horse Growers Assn.. By M J. McMillin, Secretary.

Stock
Inspection
Matters

After some discussion as Stock Inspection matters in which the members felt that if Mr. Hez. Patten, the present member of State Stock Inspection Board had been representing our interests, that Mr. J. R. Smith, the very efficient Inspector for the east end of State would not been removed on Jan. 1st. Therefore the following Resolution was unanimously adopted. To Hon. E. M. Ammons,

Governor of State of Colorado

Dear Sir:

Resolution
asking for
appointment of
Mr. H. Glaz-
brook

The members of the Bent and Prowers County Cattle and Horse Growers Assn. representing the stock interest of Southeastern Colorado today in 43rd Annual Convention assembled extend to you our "stockman-farmer -Governor " our heartiest congratulations and best wishes. And by a unanimous vote most respectfully ask you to appoint as one of the members of the "State Stock Inspection" Board, to represent the Arkansas Valley and southeastern Colorado, Mr. H. Glazebrook of Higbee, Otero Co. Colo.

Respectfully submitted
The Bent & Prowers Co. Cattle & Horse Growers
Assn. by M. J. McMillin, Sec.

Com to go
to Denver

On motion Mr. H. Glazebrook, J. R. Smith and M. J. McMillin were appointed delegates to represent this Association at meeting of State Assn. in Denver Feb. 21 & 22nd.

J. R. Smiths
expenses

On motion duly carried was resolved that this Assn. pay the expenses of Mr. J. R. Smith as a delegate to Denver on Feb. 21st and 22nd.

Officers re-
elected



On motion all old officers were reelected.

Com. to meet
Kansas Stockmen

A letter was read by Sec. from Mr. H. S. Crittenden of Coolidge, Kansas, regarding having the stockmen of Hamilton, Finney and Kearney Counties Kansas join with us for better protection in future. And on motion, Mr. H. S. Crittenden, J. R. Smith and M. J. McMillin were appointed a committee to meet the stockmen of Kansas for a conference.

State Assn.
dues

On motion, Sec was instructed to make report and settlement with State Assn.

On motion Mr. Harvey Hall of Lamar, Colorado was elected a member of this Association, the necessary \$5.00 fee accompanying the application. Mr. Hall's Brand  

On Motion, Meeting Adjourned.

M J. McMillin, Sec.

* * * * *

Las Animas, Colo.

Feb. 16th, 1914

The Bent & Prowers Co. Cattle & Horse Growers Association met at Court House at 2 P. M. in 44th Annual Convention.

In the absence of the President and Vice President meeting was called to order by Sec. M. J. McMillin and Mr. W. G. Mc Aftee was elected chairman. Officers present were P. G. Scott, Treas, M. J. McMillin, Sec. and members J. R. Smith, Bringham Dean, J. W. Moore, N. S. Crittenden, Bud Tanner and several others. Minutes of meeting of Feb. 17th, 1913 were read, and on motion were approved.

Sec. Report

Sec. read report as follows.

Carlton, Colo. Feb. 16, 1914

To the officers and members of the Bent & Prowers Co. Cattle & Horse Growers Association. Gentlemen:

I herewith submit to you my report since Feb. 17th 1913 to date as follows:

Your committee named to attend state Assn Meeting in Denver, Feb. 21 & 22nd, 1913 consisting of Mr. H. Glazebrook, J. R. Smith and Myself attended the convention and took a prominent part in their proceedings. And had Mr. H. Glazebrook endorsed for a member of State Stock Inspection Board, but Gov. Ammons refused to appoint him; thus leaving our valley without representation on the Board.

Sec settled our 1913 dues to State Association for \$20.00 which was paid to F. P. Johnson, Sec.

We asked and succeeded in having J. R. Smith reappointed as inspector for

this district. We also succeeded in having him being allowed to make inspections in western Kansas. Your committee to meet western Kansas cattlemen to arrange for joint membership and inspection have never yet been able to meet the Kansas men. Sec. reports no collections for 1913 since our meeting Feb. 17, 1913 and nothing collected up to date of 1914, and no bills paid out for any purpose except the \$20.00 paid to F. P. Johnson, Sec.

Resp. Submitted.

M. J. McMillin, Sec.

On motion report was adopted.

Treas. P. G.
Scotts report

Feb. 17th, 1913 Balance \$245.47
Feb. 18th, 1913 R. E. Hull Ad Fee 5.00
Feb. 18th H. S. Crittenden Dues 10.00

Total	260.47
Paid out F. P. Johnson Sec.	20.00
Feb. 16th 1919 Balance in Treas Hands	\$240.47
On motion report Approved.	

Mr. H. S. Crittenden made a few remarks on proposed meeting of stockmen of Kansas and that a large number of Kansas men would join our Association for mutual benefit and protection. Several other members made remarks favorable to the proposition and on motion the same committee consisting of H. S. Crittenden, J. R. Smith and M. J. McMillin were continued to meet with Kansas men as soon as a meeting could be arranged.

Com. to meet
Kansas men

J. R. Smith
Bill

J. R. Smith bill of \$9.05 for attending State Association meeting last Feb. was on motion allowed.

Motion of
H. S. Crit-
tenden

On motion of H. S. Crittenden that we prepare to get out a new Brand Book in 1914 was carried.

Motion

On motion made and carried the President was instructed to appoint a committee on securing new members and issuing a new Brand Book.

Dr. Snyder
Remarks

Dr. Snyder, representing the Government as Mange Inspector, was called on and made a short talk on the regulations in force and what would probable be done this spring in way of cleaning up the mange and urged stockmen to try to assist in a thorough dipping this spring. And stated that he believed where there were 5 cases 2 years ago there were not over 2 cases at the present time.

Thanks to
Mr. Cushney

Mr. James Cushney our President, a hearty vote of thanks for his efforts in our behalf at Denver on the mange proposition.

Officers
Elected

On motion made and carried James Cushney was reelected President, Mr. H. Glazebrook, 1st Vice President; A. N. Parish 2nd Vice President; P. G. Scott, Treas; M. J. McMillin, Sec; and John W. Moore, Asst. Sec. in place of John R. Sullivan, removed from state.

Sec. bill
allowed

Sec. bill for 1913 and 1914 to date as expenses for stamps, postal cards, telephone, stenographer for writing Resolutions, etc amounting to \$14.45 was on motion allowed.

Baca County
prosecutions

J. R. Smith explained prosecutions of party using horses in Baca County and of killing and skinning cattle. And on motion made and carried the President, Mr. Cushney, was authorized to take such action to assist in prosecuting as he thought best.

Moved and carried to report our proceedings to Pres.
On motion meeting adjourned.

M. J. McMillin, Sec.

* * * * *

Las Animas, Colo.
Feb. 15th, 1915

The Bent & Prowers County Cattle & Horse Growers Association met at Court House at 11 A. M. in 45th Annual Convention. Meeting called to order by President James Cushney. Officers present James Cushney, President, A. N. Parish, 2nd Vice President, P. G. Scott, Treas., M. J. McMillin, Sec.

And members J. R. Smith, L. L. Knox & others. Minutes of meeting of Feb. 16th, 1914 were read and approved

J. R. Smith explained why the committee from this Association had never met the Kansas men, and on motion the same Committee was continued to meet with them if possible.

Com. to solicit new members Considerable discussion was had about soliciting new members to build up this Association. And on motion of A. N. Parish, Jess O. Wyatt, W. H. Godwin, L. L. Knox, J. R. Smith & J. N. Davidson were appointed a committee to solicit new members. And that names secured were to be reported to the Executive Committee who were authorized to declare them elected as members.

New Members Scott & Davidson, Las Animas, W. H. Godwin of Las Animas, Jess O. Wyatt & J. B. Ratliff of Lamar made application to join and were elected as members, the necessary \$5.00 application fee having been paid.

Treas. report Treas. P. G. Scott read his report as follows.

Las Animas, Colo. Feb. 15, 1915

Treasurer Report to Bent & Prowers Co. Cattle & Horse Growers Assn.
 Feb. 16, 1914 balance on hand 240.47 Collections during 1914 None
 Disbursements M. J. McMillin, Sec. \$14.45, J. R. Smith Exp Denver \$9.05
 Fee Granby Hilyer \$50.00 Total paid out \$73.50 balance on hand \$166.97
 P. G. Scott, Treas. Report Adopted.

Sec Report Sec. Report was read as follows and on motion was adopted.

Las Animas Colo. Feb. 15th, 1915

To the officers and members of the Bent & Prowers County Cattle & Horse Growers Association. Gentlemen: I bel leive to report as follows, Your Committee to meet the Kansas Stockmen have never met them yet for the reason no date has been arranged for the meeting by the Kansas men. Awaiting the action of this meeting. No efforts were made to get out new Brand Book. This Association was well represented at the meeting of the State Association in Denver in January, by James Cushney, J. R. Smith, Jess Tanner, John Petticrew, M. J. McMillin and others. Nothing of special importance was done at this meeting except to show us that it is necessary to increase our membership and keep in good standing with the State Association as it is the only one in the State that is recognized by the Government or Legislature.

Several parties have been prosecuted this year for cattle stealing and Horse stealing and 3 parties from Granada are now serving time for stealing. Our Association paid Granby Hilyer \$50.00 atty. fees for prosecuting a case in Baca Co. while the party was not convicted it was worth many times what it cost us for the good effect on settlers who were inclined to meddle with range stock.

As no assessment was made last year, I have collected nothing since last meeting.

Respt. Submitted.

M. J. McMillin, Sec.

On motion meeting adjourned to meet at Club Room at 1:30 P. M.

Meeting again called to order at 1:30 P. M by President James Cushney.

Legislative Bills House Bill No. 135 known as the Bull Law was discussed by all the members and finally a motion was carried to approve it. Also House Bill No. 621 by Rep. Gill to reimburse owners in case of a loss from the Foot & Mouth Disease which is now in the middle west and in Kansas. On motion this bill was approved and Sec. ordered to write our Representatives and ask them to support these bills.

Endorsing M J. McMillin for member State Board Discussion as to getting someone appointed on the State Board of Stock Inspectioners was had by members, and on motion, M. J. McMillin was unanimously endorsed for this position. And James Cushney & J. W. Moore were to forward our request to Gov. Carlson.

Election of Officers Motion made and carried to reelect all the old officers. To wit: James Cushney, President, H. Glazebrook 1st V. President, A. N. Parish 2nd V. P. P. G. Scott, Treas, M. J. McMillin, Sec. & J. W. Moore, Asst. Sec.

And members J. R. Smith, L. L. Knox & others. Minutes of meeting of Feb. 16th, 1914 were read and approved.

J. R. Smith explained why the committee from this Association had never met the Kansas men, and on motion the same Committee was continued to meet with them if possible.

Com. to solicit new members Considerable discussion was had about soliciting new members to build up this Association. And on motion of A. N. Parish, Jess O. Wyatt, W. H. Godwin, L. L. Knox, J. R. Smith & J. N. Davidson were appointed a committee to solicit new members. And that names secured were to be reported to the Executive Committee who were authorized to declare them elected as members.

New Members Scott & Davidson, Las Animas, W. H. Godwin of Las Animas, Jess O. Wyatt & J. B. Ratliff of Lamar made application to join and were elected as members, the necessary \$5.00 application fee having been paid.

Treas. report Treas. P. G. Scott read his report as follows.

Las Animas, Colo. Feb. 15, 1915

Treasurer Report to Bent & Prowers Co. Cattle & Horse Growers Assn.
 Feb. 16, 1914 balance on hand 240.47 Collections during 1914 None
 Disbursements M. J. McMillin, Sec. \$14.45, J. R. Smith Exp Denver \$9.05
 Fee Granby Hilyer \$50.00 Total paid out \$73.50 balance on hand \$166.97
 P. G. Scott, Treas. Report Adopted.

Sec. Report Sec. Report was read as follows and on motion was adopted.

Las Animas Colo. Feb. 15th, 1915

To the officers and members of the Bent & Prowers County Cattle & Horse Growers Association. Gentlemen: I bel leive to report as follows, Your Committee to meet the Kansas Stockmen have never met them yet for the reason no date has been arranged for the meeting by the Kansas men. Awaiting the action of this meeting. No efforts were made to get out new Brand Book. This Association was well represented at the meeting of the State Association in Denver in January, by James Cushney, J. R. Smith, Jess Tanner, John Petticrew, M. J. McMillin and others. Nothing of special importance was done at this meeting except to show us that it is necessary to increase our membership and keep in good standing with the State Association as it is the only one in the State that is recognized by the Government or Legislature.

Several parties have been prosecuted this year for cattle stealing and Horse stealing and 3 parties from Granada are now serving time for stealing. Our Association paid Granby Hilyer \$50.00 atty. fees for prosecuting a case in Baca Co. while the party was not convicted it was worth many times what it cost us for the good effect on settlers who were inclined to meddle with range stock.

As no assessment was made last year, I have collected nothing since last meeting.

Respt. Submitted.

M. J. McMillin, Sec.

On motion meeting adjourned to meet at Club Room at 1:30 P. M.

Meeting again called to order at 1:30 P. M by President James Cushney.

Legislative Bills House Bill No. 135 known as the Bull Law was discussed by all the members and finally a motion was carried to approve it. Also House Bill No. 621 by Rep. Gill to reimburse owners in case of a loss from the Foot & Mouth Disease which is now in the middle west and in Kansas. On motion this bill was approved and Sec. ordered to write our Representatives and ask them to support these bills.

Endorsing M J. McMillin for member State Board Discussion as to getting someone appointed on the State Board of Stock Inspectioners was had by members, and on motion, M. J. McMillin was unanimously endorsed for this position. And James Cushney & J. W. Moore were to forward our request to Gov. Carlson.

Election of Officers Motion made and carried to reelect all the old officers. To wit: James Cushney, President, H. Glazebrook 1st V. President, A. N. Parish 2nd V. P. P. G. Scott, Treas, M. J. McMillin, Sec. & J. W. Moore, Asst. Sec.

duplicate page 31

On motion Sec. was instructed to try to settle up our dues with State Association.

There being just time for Lamar members to catch their train, meeting was on motion adjourned.

M J McMillin, Sec.

stands of
new Members

Scott & Davidson, Las Animas <O> Left side

W. N. Godwin, Las Animas

Jess O. Wyatt, Lamar

Left side

Left side

J. B. Ratliff

Lamar

Left side

Right side or hip

* * * * * Las Animas Colo.

Feb. 22, 1916

1916

The 46th Annual Convention of the Bent & Prowers County Cattle and Horse Growers Association was called to order in Court room of Court House at 10 A. M. by James Cushney, President. Officers present were James Cushney, President, A. N. Parish 2nd Vice President, P. G. Scott, Treas., M. J. McMillin, Sec., John W. Moore, Asst. Sec. There was present members, Smith, Tanner, Pettison, Beavers, Hull, Stone, King, and a great many more. There was also present Dr. Chas. G. Lamb, State Veterinarian, Fred P. Johnson of Denver Record Stockman. Senator J. S. Hasty, and a large crowd of interested stockmen, merchants, bankers, and spectators.

Minutes of
1915 read

The minutes of annual meeting of Feb. 15th 1915 were read and approved.

Sec. McMillin said he had been so busy he had not had time to make a written report, but that considerable work had been done in past year for benefit of stockmen. Several parties in Lamar Territory were convicted of cattle and horse stealing.

Treas. report showed expenses for year \$25.00, receipts nothing. Balance on hand \$161.97. Report approved.

Unfinished
business

J. R. Smith reported that he had not yet succeeded in getting a meeting of the Kansas men on question of stock inspection. Committees on membership reported several new applications for new members, but on motion consideration of new members was laid over until afternoon as it was known that several members and theirs had not yet arrived at meeting.

Old officers
all reelected

Election of officers being declared in order, A. N. Parish moved that James Cushney be reelected President. Carried. Mr. H. Glazebrook 1st VP, A. N. Parish 2nd V. P, P. G. Scott, Treas., M. J. McMillin, Sec. John W. Moore, Asst. Sec. were all on motion, reelected.

Herd Law

The proposed herd law that is being agitated and pushed for initiation by the Denver Post, was read in full by the Secretary. Fred P. Johnson of Denver made lengthy address explaining what was being done in other parts of the state to defeat this measure, which meant ruin to the stock interests.

Adjourned for
Lunch

On motion meeting adjourned to 1:30 P. M. Meeting again called to order by President Cushney. A very large crowd of stockmen, business men, homesteaders and dry landers were present.

Herd Law
discussed

Discussion of Herd Law resumed. Talks were made by Parish, Hasty, Beavers of Lamar Land Office, Dr. Lamb, Stinson, Ford, and many others. All thought a Herd Law meant ruin not only to stockmen but all industries of Valley and State would be injured. Mr. M. A. Fillman said he was a Dry Lander living SW of Lamar. That he represented 12 other Drylanders at this meeting. That they were opposed to a Herd Law. That it meant ruin to the Dry farmer as well as the stockmen. That they had lived where there was a herd law and had come to Colorado hoping to get a start in stock business and if a herd law was to pass they were ready to leave, for if stockmen were driven out, who would buy their feed.

Vote on herd
law

Motion made that all present opposed to Herd Law should stand up. Almost all stood up. Then all who favored a Herd Law were asked to stand up and not a one got up. On motion of A. N. Parish all present were asked to join the Association. Carried. As some of people present had no stock, it was

moved and carried that those who did not have stock but wished to help in this fight could become members for one year, by paying \$1.00 each.

New Members

The following were elected as new members having paid the admission fee of \$5.00 each.

J. Martin Ford, Lamar	Wm. H. Curtis, Springfield
Felix Mundell, Blaine	T. E. Barr, Springfield
Ralph E. Hooker, Springfield	Charles Wiley Richards Horse brand
T. W. Wieden, Springfield	H. P. Holmquist, Las Animas
D. D. Amis, Las Animas	W. F. Cross, Lamar
J. R. Mayfield, Granada	W. H. Hayden, Granada
Stinson Bros, Lamar	F. Edbrooke, Hasty
W. A. Hasty, Hasty	James M. Finch, Holly RR #1
Arthur Dodge, Granada	Ruth & Maxwell, McClave
B. T. McClave, McClave	D. Baldwin, Caddoa
J. H. Cristy, Lamar	E. P. Houston, Arlington
G. L. Verhoff, McClave (5.00 not paid)	Paid Nov. 5th 1917
E. E. Sniff, Caddoa	Geo. Trostel L St Co. no Caddoa Land & Investment Co, Caddoa
Jas. Dingwall, Caddoa	Jas Smith, Las Animas
O. G. Bogusch, Lamar	Jno. D. Paxton, Las Animas
M. A. Fillman, Lamar	Ray J. Blackburn, Las Animas

Special Members

The following paid in \$1.00 each for membership for this year., and were elected

Jno McIntosh, Las Animas	T. F. Hoover, Lamar
Fulton, Lamar	Geo. Phelps
L. M Campbell, Las Animas	T. E. Mahan, Hasty
Chas. H. Wilson, Hasty	

Assessments paid

On motion annual assessment for 1916 was made 2 cts. per head of cattle & Horses owned by members.

A. L. Bemas paid in on special assent of	\$1.00
Jess Tanner paid in special assent. of	4.00
John Petticrew paid in on special assmt. of	5.00
T. M. Wieden paid in on special assmt. of	2.00
J. Martin Ford paid in on special assmt. of	30.00

Campaign Committee

Considerable discussion was had as to how to proceed to educate the people regarding Herd Law. And finally a motion was made by A. L. Beavers that a committee of five be named to manage the campaign. That M. J. McMillin be chairman of committee and he to select the other four members.

On motion, Pres., Treas. and Sec. were authorized to transfer such funds as were needed for campaign from the General Fund to Campaign Fund to oppose Herd Law.

Names who Favor Herd Law

Motion made and carried to send all names of people who are known to favor Herd Law to the Secretary. On motion, discussion of Herd Law was closed.

Dr. Lamb spoke on disease of stock

Dr. Lamb made a splendid address on Diseases of Live Stock and more particularly on Anthrax of which there has been considerable in this vicinity the past year. He urged all stockmen to promptly burn or bury in quick lime all carcass of cattle that die and to help check the spread of this disease and warned the stockmen that if they did not do this they would scatter the disease and that the Federal Government was likely to step in and declare a close quarantine at any time.

Sec. Bill for printing, etc.

Secretary present bill for printing notices and stationary and for \$10.00 to help test a case in Supreme Court, a total of \$19.00. which was allowed.

M. J. McMillin, Sec.

March 13 New Applications for membership

May Valley Sheep Co., Lamar.	Brand $\equiv \text{E} \text{ S}$	Fees \$5.00	pd.
March 18	J. M. Johnston, Monon Baca Co. $\div 11 \text{ S}$	5.00	pd.
March 23	Fredrick Noble, Rocky Ford	"	5.00 pd.
April 29	Warren Brown, Springfield F H R W	"	5.00 pd.
April 29	A. L. Smart, Springfield $\exists \text{ K L H - L H}$	"	5.00 pd.
April 29	Adams & Prichard, Vilas IC - S L H T	"	5.00 pd.
May 26	Andrew Hargis, B ker, Colo. AS	"	5.00 pd.
June 11	John Moon, Richards Baca Co Brand	5.00	pd
	H I H L B		
July 7	Brookhart Bros, Regnier, Colo	5.00	pd.
	Brand EB		
		anywhere on animal	
Nov. 20	C. S. Smeltz, Granada N	5.00	pd.
Jan. 19th, 1917	Sam Holt, Springfield, Colo. \sim	left hip	5.00 pd.
Oct. 27, 1916	Dick Whitaker, Two Buttes, Colo. N X		5.00 pd
Oct. 27, 1916	Charles Carr, Pride, Colo C T		5.00 pd.
Oct. 27, 1916	King Bros, Elkhart, Kansas \backslash	Left hip	5.00 pd.
PK Left side	IO Right side T	left hip G	left side Y left side
	with 15 on left hip. CU	Left hip E	left side
Elkhart, Kansas	P. O. Box 245		

Note--Feb. 19, 1917 all above 14 new applications for membership were elected members today.

* * * * *

Las Animas, Colo.
Feb. 19, 1917

47th
The Regular Annual meeting of the Bent & Prowers Co. Cattle & Horse Growers Association was called to order at Court House at 11 A. M. This being the 47th Annual Meeting. Meeting called to order by James Cushney, President. Officers present: H. Glazebrook 1st Vice Prest., A. N. Parish, 2nd Vice President, P. G. Scott, Treas., M. J. McMillin, Sec. J. W. Moore Asst. Sec. J. R. Smith, member Executive Committee, State Assn. Members present J. R. Stinson, Jess Tanner, J. Martin Ford, Wm. Wilson, M. A. Lee, Jess Wyatt, J. D. Mitchell, J. B. Dean, Arthur Dean, Jack Hardy, L. L. Knox, and a great many other members present.

New
Members

On motion duly made and carried the 14 new applications for membership whose names appear on opposite pages were all elected.

Also L. L. Steall, Rule, Colo.

E. M. Gillespie, Las Animas, Colo EC LS or hip

J. F. Schmidt, Fisher, Kansas S

John McIntosh, Las Animas, Colo AN

T. M Amerine & Son, Holly, Colo $\text{TRH} \infty 3 \text{ B L. S. } \infty$

were all elected members.
Sec. report read and aaccepted.

Sec. Report. To the officers and members of the B & P CC & N G. Assn. Gentlemen:

The portion of year 1916 from Feb. 22nd to Nov. 7 was a very strenuous time for your officers. The fight to defeat the Herd Law bill initiated by the Denver Post took a great deal of hard work by your officers. And I wish to here record the splendid work done by your President, James Cushney.

to help defeat this Herd Law bill. Splendid work was also done by many of your members, making the defeat of the Bill possible. And this shows clearly what the stockmen of Colorado can do when they are organized and working together. Your President & Secretary were members of the Committee to draft a new fence law bill in Denver in January last. This bill is now before the Legislature. Mr. J. R. Smith done some splendid \$50.00 donation work, as a member of State Association. Our Association pledged \$50.00 to State Assn. to help pay the deficit of State Assn. on account of Herd Law fight. I wish to state that your Sec. received valuable aid from the State Assn. in the Herd Law fight, and this \$50.00 should be paid now.

Collections During year I have collected from assessments and applications for membership a total of \$563.40. Of this amount I paid Treas. P. G. Scott \$494.10 leaving a balance in my hands of \$169.30. Since last Annual Meeting and during the Herd Law fight I spent a total of \$177.68. There was paid to newspapers for Adv. \$15.00, Postage \$23.45, Telephone \$4.85, Auto Hire \$12.30, express \$1.58, Stationery and envelopes, etc \$16.30, Election day workers, wrapping and mailing, stamping letters, etc. \$75.00 and \$29.20 spent by Sec. for various incidental expenses. This does not include expenses where I drew warrant on Treas. P. G. Scott, which will show in his report. In view of the large collections and expenditures by Sec. in past year, I respectfully ask for an auditing committee to be appointed to examine my books.

Bill due Sec. There is due your Sec. for cash expended in Herd Law Campaign and other expenses \$108.38.

I wish to thank the officers and members who rendered me such valuable help in the Herd Law Campaign.

As a member of State Stock Inspection Board your Sec. succeeded in having arrangement made for inspection of all Colo. stock shipped or driven to Wichita Kansas and Oklahoma City, Okla., both these markets are now getting considerable stock from the eastern border of Colorado.

Respectfully submitted M. J. McMillin, Sec.

Treas. report was read and accepted.

Election of Officers Election of officers being next in order, on motion, all the old officers were reelected. Fence Law bill read and discussed by some of members. President appointed J. W. Moore, H. Glazebrook, and A. S. Dean as auditing committee.

Adjourned to 1:30 P. M.

Meeting again called to order at 2 P. M. by President James Cushney.

Auditing Com. makes report The committee appointed to audit the books reported as follows: We your committee, appointed to audit the books of the Sec. & Treas. of the B & P Co. C. & H. G. Assn. beg leave to report that we have this day examined the same and find same correct. Signed: J. W. Moore, Chairman, H. Glazebrook and A. S. Dean.

Cattle stealing Discussion of cattle stealing being in order, a full discussion was had in regard to the Association employing an attorney to help prosecute thieves. Mr. J. B. Ratliff called on by Mr. Parish to explain what he had done. Mr. Ratliff stating he had employed Granby Hilyer of Lamar to help prosecute cases in which he and Arthur Dodge were interested in. After considerable discussion it was moved and carried, the matter of employing an attorney to assist in prosecutions be left in hands of the Executive Committee with power to act.

Reward The question of offering a reward for the arrest and conviction of any one stealing stock from any of our members. W. A. Hasty moved the matter of reward be left to Executive Committee, as to how much to pay and to whom. Amended by P. G. Scott that a reward be paid for conviction of a thief who shall steal the live stock of any of our members and reward to be paid out of any money in the funds of this Association. Motion carried.

Assessment On matter of raising money, it was shown that the by laws read 2 cts. per head. These by-laws were made when stock was very cheap. And it was shown that 5cts per head now would not be as much in proportion as 2cts was then and 2 cts would not raise us enough money now to do anything. So on motion of J. M. Ford, the By-laws were amended to read that the annual assessment should not exceed 10cts per head. Motion carried.

On motion of Jess Tanner that the assessment be made 5 cts. per head, and that the Executive Committee be empowered to make it up to 10cts. the limit if necessary. Carried

Annual Dues
lost
Sec. prepare
budget

J. B. Ratliff moved that annual dues of \$2.50 per member be collected. After considerable discussion motion lost, Moved by W. A. Hasty that Sec. prepare an estimate of expenses for next year. Motion carried.

On motion of F. Edbrooke that Sec prepare a list of names and addresses of the members of this Association together with their brands and provide copy to each member. Motion carried. (Poor old Secretary)

McCrillis
talks

Mr. E. McCrillis, Sec. State Stock Inspection Board, Denver was present and addressed the meeting on Legislative and other matters

Lamb

Dr. Chas. G. Lamb, State Veterinarian, addressed the meeting speaking on Anthrax, Blackleg, Hog Cholera, and foot & mouth disease. His talk was very good and was well received by members present.

Dropping
members

Motion by W. A. Hasty that all members in arrears for 3 months be dropped from membership, Carried.

Moved by A. S. Dean to support Senator J. S. Hasty's Bill to amend Initiation and Referendum Laws. Carried.

Bills

Bill of \$50.00 due State Assn. allowed. Bill of \$108.38 due Sec. for expenses was allowed.

The attendance at this meeting was large and a good interest was manifested On motion meeting adjourned

M. J. McMillin, Sec.

* * * * *

Las Animas, Colo.
March 22, 1917

A meeting of the Executive Committee was held in Bent Co. Bank at 2 P. M. At which meeting there was present. James Cushney, President, H. Glazebrook 1st Vice President, P. G. Scott, Treasurer, and M. J. McMillin, Sec.

Meeting called to order by President. Treasurers Scotts books showed \$190.14 in the Treasury. After considerable discussion it was decided to appropriate \$400.00 to assist in the prosecution of cattle stealing cases. It was decided to try to retain Granby Hilyer as attorney for this Association for one year.

This was to prevent someone who might be arrested for cattle stealing from employing him to defend them.

There being no further business meeting adjourned. M. J. McMillin, Sec.

P. S. Mr. Hilyer was retained for one year for \$60.00

April 26, 1917 New applications for membership

L. V. King, Higbee, Colo. Fees 5.00 paid

Brands / † Left side & hip

April 26, 1917 Harry King, Higbee, Colo. Fees 5.00 paid

Brands B I - \ Left side

April 26, 1917 Lula D. King, Higbee, Colo. Fees 5.00 paid

Brands B W W L Left side

April 26, 1917 L. C. James, Higbee, Colo. Fees 5.00 paid




Brands 4 S Left Side


April 28 John C. Moore, Richards, Colo. Fees 5.00 paid

Brands † † † \ A on Jaw A on side B J

Ear mark square crop both ears. All on Right side.

and M on right hip

May 6 Fisher & Trippe, Lamar, Colo. Fees 5.00 paid
Brands:  left hip  Other brands  left side left side

May 12 Geo. J. D. Webster, Lamar, Colo. Fees 5.00 paid
Brand  left side Sec. 14-26-49

May 25 A. R. Liggett, Granada, Colo. Fees 5.00 paid

June 30 J. R. Whitten, Bristol, Colo. Fees 5.00 paid

Brands  L. S.  L. loin Horse Brand H left jaw

Nov. 5 G. L. Verhoff Brands  McClave, Colo.

All admitted to membership Feb. 18, 1918

Others members brands

Glazebrook & Garrett, Higbee, Colo.  Left side  Left SH

Tally Brand

D. B. Nowell, Lamar  Left Side

* * * * *

Las Animas, Colo.
Feb. 18th, 1918

The 48th annual meeting of the Bent & Prowers County Cattle and Horse Growers Association was called to order at 10:30 A. M. by James Cushney, President. Officers present were James Cushney, President, H. Glazebrook, 1st Vice President, P. G. Scott, Treasurer, M. J. McMillin, Secretary, J. R. Smith, member Executive Committee(state), and members: M. A. Lee, Carl Trostel, Goe. N. Trostel, Wm. Wilson, L. L. Knox, A. L. Smart, Del Baldwin, Jessie Dean, and many others. Also Wm. Dorgee, J. M. Finch.

Minutes read Minutes of 47th annual meeting read and approved.

New Members
elected

Election of new members being order the following were elected members by unanimous vote. Glazebrook & Garrett, Higbee, Colo; D. B. Nowell, Lamar, Colo; Wallinger & Wadhams, Las Animas; L. V. King, Harry King, Lulu D. King, Higbee; L. C. Jones, Higbee; John C. Moore, Richards; Fisher & Trippe, Lamar; Geo. I. D. Webster, Lamar; A. R. Liggett, Granada; J. R. Whitten, Bristol; Carl Wills, Rule, G. B. McHaffie, Rule.

Sec.
Report

Secretary McMillins report read and approved.

Las Animas, Colo.
Feb. 18, 1918

To the officers of the Bent & Prowers County Cattle & Horse Growers Assn. Gentlemen:

I herewith submit to you my annual report. Since our last meeting we have been thrown into the World War for Democracy. All stockmen and farmers and practically all stockmen are now farmers in Colorado, have been asked by our National and State Executives to increase to the limit our production of food stuffs and meats. Meatless days have been enforced. The export of meats have been reduced to such an extent that it is said there is now more meats in storage than ever was known before. This with the Federal Investigation of the packers, has caused such a marked falling off in the demands for meats that prices have fallen to the point where the majority of feeders are losing money. Especially the sheep feeders. The Food Administration has been requested to remove sheep and lambs from the meatless days, but so far have not done so. The fee importation of hides from Foreign Countries has cut the price of hides from 5 to 10 cts. per pound, without any corresponding decrease in leather products.

Since our meeting one year ago the new fence law was passed by our Legislature. During the year many complaints were made to Gov. Gunter from different parts of the State of depredation of cattle men on homesteaders crops. These reports were referred to Stock Inspection Board

by the Governor, and every case was investigated by the State Inspectors. And in almost every instance the degradation was caused by other homesteaders stock. Not a single case was found where the homesteader had even a fair fence, which shows that if a lawful fence was erected there would be very little complaint. The Denver Post and Great Divide have been trying all summer and fall to stir up trouble between stockmen and homesteaders and are now having petitions prepared for circulation to get signatures to another Herd Law initiated measure. It is said they will ask for a local option herd law this fall. At the last annual meeting a motion was adopted that the Secretary prepare and furnish each member of the Association with all the brands and P. O. addresses of members. In my letter to members last Summer, I asked each member to furnish me with a list of their brands. Only 15 members did so. So the list would have been so incomplete that I sent out no lists.

I was also asked to prepare a budget of expenses for this years expense. Owing to the uncertainty of what will be needed in case a herd law fight comes up again it is hard at this time to make an estimate. Our assessment to State Association for 1917 have all been paid. We paid Hon. Granby Hilyer \$60.00 for a retainer fee for one year; and also paid him \$200.00 for prosecuting cattle thieves since our last meeting. Something like 40 cases have been before the courts and numerous convictions have been had.

Collections

During the year I have collected for assessments and new members a total of \$634.55 which amount I have turned over to P. G. Scott, Treas. There was also paid to P. G. Scott for Asst. & new members \$106.15.

I respectfully ask that a committee be appointed to audit my accounts.

Respectfully submitted.
M. J. McMillin, Sec.

Treasurer P. G. Scotts report read and approved. President Cushney explained in detail the expenditures to the members.

Inspector J. R. Smith told of very successful prosecution of cattle thieves in his district, which had resulted in limiting such acts to a great extent and gave due praise to the Executive Committee for their work. Inspector M. A. Lee reported very little trouble in his district. Inspector L. L. Knox reported seven convictions in Baca County, and very little trouble at present time. A case where John C. Moore of Richards, Colo., one of our new members has had some stock stolen and Delbert Baldwin of Bent Co. had a calf stolen. On motion of H. Glazebrook, Granby Hilyer be instructed to assist in the prosecution of both these cases. Carried.

Election of Officers

Election of officers being next in order. On motion of J. R. Smith duly seconded all old officers were unanimously reelected. To wit: James Cushney President, H. Glazebrook, 1st Vice President, A. N. Parish 2nd Vice President; P. G. Scott, Treas.; M. J. McMillin, Sec., John W. Moore, Asst. Sec.

John P. King makes address

John P. King, Vice President of State Association from Greeley, Colo was present and made a splendid talk urging stockmen and farmers to organize and work together for their protection.

President Cushney appointed H. Glazebrook, Carl Trostel and E. J. Wallinger to audit Sec. & Treas books.

Moved and ~~carried~~ to take recess to 1:30 P. M.

Meeting again called to order by President at 1:30 P. M. General business being order list of members was read and delinquent members was discussed

Moved that Sec. read the names of all delinquents. Also list of those who had paid their 1917 assessments. Sec. instructed to again notify all who are in arrears. That they cannot expect the protection of the Association unless they keep in good standing. On motion of L. L. Knox, duly seconded and carried the same assessment was made for 1918 as for 1917. with same conditions which is: That the assessment be made for 10 cts. per head, 5 cts per head being payable at once, and balance at call of Executive Committee if needed.

Auditing
comm report

Auditing Committee reported as follows:

Feb. 18, 1918

We the committee appointed to audit the books of the Secretary and Treasurer of this Association, beg leave to report that we have this day, examined the books and find same correct.

Signed H. Glazebrook
Geo. W. Trostel
E. J. Wallinger.

On motion, committee report accepted and committee discharged.

Resolution

Resolution to endorse M. J. McMillin to Gov. Gunter for reappointment as a member of State Board of Stock Inspection Commissioners, was unanimously accepted. Also a Resolution to endorse the efficient work done by our stock Inspectors M. A. Lee, J. R. Smith and L. L. Knox. And that a copy be sent to State Stock Inspection Board.

Sec. bill for \$23.40 for expenses for stationary, postage, stenographer etc for year 1917. On motion was allowed.

General discussion of various matters by many of members.









On motion, the Executive Committee was instructed to retain Granby Hilyer of Lamar, as our attorney for another year from April 1st, 1918.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned.

M J. McMillin, Sec.

New Applications for membership

Feb. 21st, 1918

F. R. Streeter, Richards, Colo.	-Fee	5.00	paid
Brands  right thigh	 left hip	 left hip or thigh	
W. A. Harris, Two Buttes	Fee	5.00	paid
Brands 			
April 22 Jas. L. Welch, Richards, Colo.	Fees	5.00	paid
Brands 3 → right hip			
June 3 Samuel W. Hallock, Regnier, Colo.	Fees	5.00	paid
Brand  Left thigh	 Left sh		
June 30 Lee Pritchard, Buster, Colo, Las Animas Co.	Fees.	5.00	pd
Brand OT Left side			
Stanley P. McKeller, Buster, Las Animas Co.	Fees	5.00	pd
Brand / Left Hip O K right side			
Aug. 17 L. P. King, Buster, Baca Co. Colo	Fees	5.00	paid
Brand  Left side both cattle & horses			

* * * * *

L(1918 Assessments paid to P. G. Scott, Treas



May 2nd	John C. Moore	Asst. Paid	\$15.00
May 14	L. J. Sniff	Asst. paid	2.00
Dec. 9th	G. B. McHaffie	Asst. paid	10.00
Oct. 10th	John O Connell	Asst. paid	2.50
Oct. 16th	A. B. Ham	Asst. Paid	20.00
Sept. 28	H. P. Holmquist	Asst. Paid	2.00

* * * * *

New Applications for 1918 membership continued:

Aug. 31	Fred Hughes, Campo, Colo.	Fees	5.00	paid
Brand H Right hip				
Oct. 7	Wood & Willis, Syracuse Kansas	Fees	5.00	paid
Brands I Right Thigh				
Oct. 7	Ben A. Wood, Syracuse, Kansas	Fees	5.00	paid
Brands: Cattle O left thigh	O Horse brand			left shoulder

Oct. 19 Claud Hamilton, Springfield, Colo. Fees 5 00 paid
 Brand B .left side
 +

May 26, 1919 Raymond M McMillin, Carlton Colo. Fees 5.00 paid
 Brand + left side  Left Hip 

1919



New Applications for membership

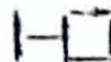

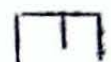
July 12th R. A. Stevenson , Wentworth, Colo. Fees 5.00 paid
 Brand S right jaw

1920

New applications for membership

Nov. 14th Stonebraker & Heaton by H. C. Heaton Elkhert, Kansas

Brands Note ck returned marked "short" Fees 5.00 paid
 left shoulder V left hip  Left hip

 Left hip  left hip  left hip
 O right thigh O Right hip left thigh Note Ck
 for applications returned marked "short" so were not elected members.

Mifle M M Fontaine, Las Animas Fee 5.00 pd. Scott.

* * * * *

Las Animas, Colo.
 May 26th, 1919

The 49th annual meeting of the Bent & Prowers County Cattle and Horse Growers Association, which was postponed from 3rd Monday in February on account of the Flu Epidemic and the bad conditions of the roads, was held at Court House at Las Animas on May 26th.

Meeting was called to order by James Cushney, President at 11 A. M. Officers present were James Cushney, President; A. N. Parish, 2nd V. Pres. P. G. Scott, Treas; M J. McMillin, Sec. Members present: D. B. Nowell, J. R. Smith, L. L. Knox, A. C. Mitchell, Tim Bates, M. A. Lee, Jessie Dean, J. B. Dean, Delbert Baldwin, John Davidson, Nowell, and others.

Minutes of meeting of Feb. 18th, 1918 were read and approved.

Mr. D. B. Nowell asked if the name of his son might be substituted for his as he was expecting him to look after their cattle interests. On motion of Jessie Dean, the membership name was changed to read D. B. Nowell and Son. Election of new members being in order, the Secretary presented the following names, who having paid their \$5.00 membership fee, were on motion all unanimously elected.

New Members

F. R. Streeter, Richards, Colo	W. A. Harris, Two Buttes, Colo
Jas. L. Welch, Richards, Colo.	Samuel W. Hallock, Regnier, Colo
Lee Prichard, Buster, Colo	Stanley P. McKeller, Buster, Colo.
L. P. King, Buster, Colo.	Fred Hughes, Campo, Colo.
Wood & Willis, Syracuse, Kansas	Ben A. Wood, Syracuse, Kansas
Claud Hamilton, Springfield, Colo	Raymond M McMillin, Carlton, Colo.

Report of Officers Sec. report was read and on motion, approved.

Las Animas, Colo. May 26th, 1919

To the officers and members of the Bent Prowers County Cattle & Horse Growers Association. Gentlemen:

Since our last annual meeting the World War has been finished. Let us hope, forever. Many of our brave Colorado Boys now sleep in France. Many more are coming home maimed and crippled for life.

Our stockmen responded nobly to the calls made on their time and money by our Government and State.

The past winter has been one that will not soon be forgotten by the stockmen in this part of the State. The past year has showed less stealing than usual, due no doubt, to the vigorous prosecutions of past two years. The fence law passed 2 years ago by Legislature, has that it will prevent stock damaging crops in nearly every case. During past year many complaints were handed to State Board of Stock Inspection by the Governor for investigation, and not a single case of damage was found where parties had even a fair fence; and most cases were of one settler's cattle bothering another and not of range cattle. Many vicious bills were introduced in last session of Legislature. But by having good safe stock committees in both House and Senate. Then Bills were never reported out for passage. Since our last annual meeting, I have collected on assessments \$293.70 For application fees for membership \$70.00. Of this amount I have paid to Treas. P. G. Scott \$361.20 leaving balance in my hands of \$2.50. A very small proportion of our members have paid their last assessment, but as we have been to very little expense, still have some money on hand. I would respectfully ask that a committee be appointed to audit my books.

Respectfully submitted

M. J. McMillin, Sec.

Treas. report Treas. P. G. Scott Reported money in hand Feb. 18th, 1918 \$363.67, Money received during year \$443.70. Money paid out on orders \$364.00. Balance on hand now \$443.37. On motion Treas. report was accepted. Mr. E. M. Edminston was presented and made a statement that certain parties were causing him trouble by driving other peoples stock on his land. After considerable discussion by members, and as neigher party was a member of our Association, it was decided we could not take any action in what seemed to be a local row. Jessie Dean moved that Sec. send Mr. Edminston a copy of fence law.

Motion carried to take a recess to 1:30 P. M.

Meeting called to order at 1:30 P. M. by President James Cushney.

Election of officers Election of officers being next in order, on motion of Jessie Dean, the Sec. was instructed to cast the unanimous vote of Association for the following officers. James Cushney, President, H. Glazebrook, 1st V. President. A. N. Parish, 2nd V. President. P. G. Scott, Treas. M. J. McMillin, Sec. John W. Moore, Assistant Sec.

The question of employing Granby Hilyer as attorney for another year was up for discussion. And several members talked on subject. J. B. Dean opposed retaining any attorney. On motion of L. L. Knox duly seconded & carried J. B. Dean voting no. Secretary was instructed to see and retain Mr. Hilyer for another year. On motion of J. B. Dean, that in case Secretary can not make arrangements to retain Mr. Hilyer, that in case any emergency comes up that an attorney is needed then Secretary is empowered to employ any attorney he thinks best.

Assessment Moved by J. B. Dean, that we make levy of 10cts per head on all cattle & horses owned by Association. 5 cts to be payable at once and another 5 cts on call of Executive Committee, if needed. Motion amended that no call be made at this time, but both calls could be made by Secretary if money is needed. Carried.

Bill Atwood Bill of M. S. Atwood for \$50.00 for preparing transcript in King Case. On motion bill allowed.

Telegram received and read from J. P. Kluy, President State Association, saying we were now in a period of readjustment and must build up an organization second to none. That success of State Association depended on the Local Associations and wishing us a successful meeting.

Some discussion was had as to more pay for our efficient Inspectors, M. A. Lee and J. R. Smith. It was explained by M. J. McMillin, member State Board of Stock Inspection, that the Board was paying the limit allowed by law now.

Motion to pay Mr. Cushney moved and it was carried that this Association pay M. A. Lee & Inspectors 25. J. R. Smith each \$25.00 per month from funds of this Association. That 5cts per head assessment be called at once to meet this expense. Motion made and carried that John Davidson, A. C. Mitchell & James Cusheny be appointed a committee to draft a Resolution to State Board of Stock Inspection Commissioners. Committee reported following Resolution, which was adopted.

Resolution That whereas, the Bent & Prowers County Cattle & Horse Growers Association at their annual meeting held at Las Animas on the 26th day of May 1919, realizing that the salaries paid M. A. Lee and J. R. Smith, our local Inspectors are inadequate, and in appreciation of the efficient services rendered by them, have taken steps to supplement their salaries. Now therefore, be it resolved that it is the unanimous opinion of the members of this Association that the State Board of Stock Inspection Commissioners be requested and urged to take such steps as are necessary to secure the most efficient possible service at market points, and especially Kansas City Stock Yards, by the appointment for these positions of thoroughly skilled and reliable men. Whose services can only be permanently secured by an increase of the present salary.

Sec. Bill Secretary presented bill for \$34.50 for expenses during past year for printing, stationery, receipt books, postage and mailing notices, postal cards etc. On motion bill allowed.

It being almost train time and most of members wishing to take A. V. train, on motion meeting adjourned.

M. J. McMillin, Sec.

* * * * *

Assessments paid to Sec. 1919

1916			
May 26th	A. L. Smart	Asst 1918	\$10.00
May 26	Delbert Baldwin	Asst 1919	10.00
May 26	J. B. Dean	Asst. 1917 & 1918	17.50
July 28	C. E. Haven	Asst. 1919	2.00
July 28	A. V. S. B. & I. L. Co.	Asst 1919	5.10
July 28	Sam Holt	Asst. 1919	5.00
July 28	T. W. Weeder	Asst. 1919	5.00
July 30	Wm. N. Wilson	Asst. 1919	15.00
Aug. 7	McIntosh Bros	Asst. 1919	2.50
Aug. 7	Chas. Maxwell	Asst. 1919	100.00
Aug. 7	I. N. Turner, Plains	Asst. 1919	10.00
Aug. 7	J. C. Moore, Richards	Asst. 1919	15.00
Aug. 23	C. G. Hamilton, Springfield	Asst. 1919	15.00
Sept. 15	R. S. Liggett & Co., Springfield	Asst. 1919	43.50
Sept. 15	R. M. McMillin, Carlton	Asst. 1919	1.25
Oct. 6th	C. A. Carr, Pride	Asst. 1919	15.00
Oct. 6th	Samuel Hallock, Regnier	Asst. 1919	10.00
Nov. 17th	Wood & Willis & Ben A Wood, Syracuse, Kansas		50.00
Nov. 22	Frank Streeter, Lamport, Colo.	Asst. 1919	5.00
April 5, 1920			
James Cushney, Prowers		Asst. 1919	50.00
April 5	F. Edbrooke, Hasty, Colo	Asst. 1918 & 1919	10.00
April 5	Swallow & Stuart, Caddoa	Asst. 1918 & 1919	10.00
April 5th	A. S. Dean, Las Animas	Asst. 1919	15.00
April 5th	James Malloy, Las Animas	Asst. 1919	50.00
April 5th	Glazebrook & Garrett, Prowers	Asst. 1919 & 1920	35.00
Sept. 28	A. N. Parish, Lamar	Asst. 1920	3.60
Oct. 3	W. N. Wilson, Higbee	Asst. 1920	10.00
Oct. 3	Prowers Ranch & Mercantile Co., Prowers		50.00
Oct. 3	John C. Moore, Richards	10 ct Asst. for 1920	25.00
Oct. 6	A. L. Brookhart for Brookhart Bros, Campo	1920	7.50
Oct. 6	A. V. S. B. & I. L. Co, Holly	10 ct Asst. 1920	8.10
Oct. 14	C. A. Carr, Campo	Asst. 1920	12.50
Oct. 26	J. R. Stinson, Lamar	Asst. 1920	20.00

Dec. 14	Walter Menyer, Granada	Asst. 1919 & 1920	5.00
Dec. 27	R. M. McMillin, Carlton	Asst. 1920	2.00
January 17, 1921	J. A. Stinson, Springfield, Colo.	Asst. 1920	10.00
Feb. 19	A. S. Dean, Las Animas	Asst. 1920	16.00

* * * * *

Las Animas, Colo.

April 5th, 1920

50th

The regular annual meeting of the Bent & Prowers Co. Cattle & Horse Growers meeting was pos postponed from Feb. 16th to April 5th on account of sickness and quarantine. The postponed meeting was called to order at Court House in Las Animas at 2:30 P. M. The train from Arkansas Valley line having been stuck in snow drift near Wiley for several hours. And as members from east had to leave on A. V. Train there was very little time for meeting.

Meeting was called to order by James Cusheny, President. Members present: Cushney, Scott, Parish, McMillin, Moore, Edbrooke, Davidson, Bates, Swallow, Stuart, McIntosh, Dean, Malloy, Trostel, and others

On motion of A. N. Parish, duly carried, the reading of minutes of 1919 was dispensed with. P. G. Scott, Treas, read his report which was adopted.

Secretary had no written report so made a short verbal one.

Dr. C. G. Lamb, State Veterinarian, being present, was called on and made a very interesting talk on funds for stock board and on the mange question.

Resolution

On motion of A. S. Dean, duly carried, that our Executive Committee be instructed to assist the committee of hold over Senators appointed by Governor Sharp to revise & recommend new laws for to raise sufficient funds to properly carry on the work of our State Board of Stock Inspection Commissioners.

Election of Officers

Election of officers being next in order the following were elected:
 James Cusheny, President A. N. Parish, 1st Vice President
 H. Glazebrook, 2nd Vice President P. G. Scott, Treasurer
 A. S. Dean, Asst. Sec. M. J. McMillin, Secretary
 John Davidson, Asst. Treasurer

Some discussion was had by various members on matters of interest, but time being so limited, many matters of importance were not touched on.

Payments of \$25.00 per month to J. R. Smith and M. A. Lee, our Inspectors was ordered continued as long as funds hold out.

Asst. 1920

On motion made & carried the assessment for 1920 was made at 10 cts. per head of cattle and horses owned by members of the Association. 5 cts of this was ordered to be collected by April 15th and the other 5 cts. to be called by Executive Committee if needed.

Mr. R. A. Stevenson of Wentworth, Colorado was unanimously elected a new member. Secretary was instructed not to pay our Assessment to the State Association until the controversy over the affairs of the State Association was settled. It being time to leave for train, meeting was hurriedly adjourned.

M. J. McMillin, Secretary

* * * * *

Lamar, Colo.

Dec. 1, 1920

A special meeting of the Executive Committee was held at First National Bank. Present: James Cusheny, President, A. N. Parish, V President, M. J. McMillin. Several cattle stealing cases were discussed, and it was decided to insist on their prosecution to the limit.

It was decided to select all members who would agree to go to annual convention of the Colorado Stock growers Association at Albany Hotel, Denver

on Dec. 21st and 22nd and appoint them delegates, and further agreed that all those present at said convention should cast the full vote of our Association. On motion meeting adjourned.

M J. McMillin, Secretary

* * * * *

Las Animas, Colo.

Feb. 19th, 1921

51st
The 51st annual meeting of the Bent & Prowers County Cattle and Horse Growers Association met at Court House at 1 P. M. Owing to storm yesterday and snow in east end of our district, the attendance was very small. Meeting called to order by President James Cushney. Those present Cushney, Scott, Davidson, McMillin & Dean, Officers. Members Wilkie Ham, Trostel, Stuart, Dean, Lee and others.

New Members
A request was made for the roll of membership to be read, which was done. On motion, made and carried, Mijs. M M Fontaine was elected a member. Fee having been paid to P. G. Scott, Treas.

Sec. report
Minutes of 1920 meeting read and approved. Treas Scott report read & approved, showing a balance on hand of less than \$50.00.

Secretary's Report

To officers and members of Bent & Prowers Co. Cattle and Horse Growers Association. Gentlemen:

I have the honor to report to you that since our last annual meeting on April 5th, 1920, the most disastrous condition that stockmen have ever known is now upon you. The low prices of cattle, hogs and sheep, together with low price of hides and wool, the heavy advance in all freight rates, the advance in stockyards and commission charges. The calling in of loans on stock. High price of labor, and almost all the many articles stockmen have to buy, have made a heavy burden for us to carry. We have had a few cattle stealing cases, not many. At our last annual meeting which was such a hurried one, we did not pass any Resolution to continue the legal services of Messrs. Hilyer & Kinkaid, but they have continued to act as our counsel and have sent me their bill for \$60.00 retainer fee for 1920, which we did not pay for want of funds. This bill should be paid.

I sent out notices of the 5 cts. assessment ordered at annual meeting. and up to date only 17 members have paid their assessment for 1920. This amount has all been paid to P. G. Scott, Treas. by me. Some Assessments have been paid direct to Mr. Scott, Treas, which will show on his report.

We have not been able to pay the \$25.00 per month to J. R. Smith or M. A. Lee. Inspectors since Dec 31st, 1920 because of shortage of funds. We as an Association have not paid anything to State Association for 1919 & 1920 tho your Secretary has paid \$75.00 on 1920 dues so we would be in good standing and take part in State Association meetings.

Several of our members attended the State Association meeting in Denver Dec. 21 & 22, 1920.

Respectfully submitted,

M. J. McMillin, Sec.

Discussion of some of the bills now before the Legislature was read, and Wilkie Ham was appointed a committee of one to draw up Resolutions favoring our approval of Senate Bills No. 9 approving the 1/15 of mill tax levy and Senate Bill 85. The pure bred Bull Law, and Senate Bill No. 255, the Railroad bill, and Secretary instructed to forward copies of this resolution to our Senators and Representatives.

Election of
Officers

Election of officers being next in order, on motion of Mr. Stuart, duly seconded and carried. All the old officers of last year was reelected.

Moved and carried that our Executive Committee meet with the Executive Committee of the Arkansas Valley Stock Feeders Association to consider the amalgamations of the two Associations and to report back to next annual meeting.

Motion made and carried that this Association continue as a member of the Colorado Stockgrowers Association and to pay our dues to State Association out of the first funds we may have on hand.

Motion made and carried electing Mrs. Evelyn D. Castle, Secretary of the Colorado Stockgrowers Association an honorary member of this Association. Elected unanimously.

Moved and carried that Executive Committee be empowered to make assessment for 1921. Moved and carried that Executive Committee be asked to draw up suitable resolutions on lower freight rates and other matters. and to send copies to Colo. Stockgrowers Assn. and members of House and Senate at Washington. Adopted Resolution to Gov. O. H. Shoup endorsing M. J. McMillin for reappointment on Stock Inspection Board.

On motion, meeting adjourned.

M. J. McMillin, Sec.

Las Animas, Colo.
Dec. 19, 1921

A meeting of the Executive Committee was called to meet at Bent Co. Bank on Dec. 19th to discuss matters of importance to the Association.

Members present were P. G. Scott, Treas., John Davidson, Asst. Treas., A. S. Dean, Asst. Secretary and M. J. McMillin, Secretary.

Secretary McMillin stated that no funds had come in since our last meeting and that we still owed him \$75.00 for dues paid to Colorado Stockgrowers Association for 1920. That we owed attorney fees and dues to State Association were now past due. After considerable discussion as to the best way to raise some money, it was decided to send out a circular letter asking members to pay up their 1920 assessments as no assessment had been made for 1921. Also to invite new stockmen to join and help support our local Association.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned.

M. J. McMillin, Secretary

* * * * *

Las Animas, Colorado
2-22-22

The Fifty-Second (52) annual meeting of the Bent & Prowers County Cattle and Horse Growers Association met at Court House at Las Animas on Feb. 22nd at Eleven A. M. There being only a few members present, meeting was adjourned until 1 P. M.

At 1:30 P. M., the meeting was called to order and the President, Mr. James Cushney, being in Scotland and both Vice Presidents being absent, Mr. A. S. Dean was selected to preside at this meeting. Officers present were: P. G. Scott, Treas, John Davidson, Assistant Treas., M. J. McMillin, Sec., A. S. Dean, Asst. Secretary. Members present: Knox, Smith, Best, Stuart, Stevens, Mayer, Prowers Ranch & Mercantile Co. and several others.

Election of New Members

Election of new members being declared in order. A. Cleves, Granada, Colo. Len Warner, Arlington, Colo, having paid \$5.00 admission fee were elected members.

Report of officers Pay Secy

Treas P. G. Scott's report read, showing a balance in Treasurers hands of \$104.94. On motion duly carried, Treas. report adopted.

Motion made and carried to pay Secretary McMillin as far as the funds would go on his account for money paid to State Association for 1920 & 1921 \$175.00 and for cash advanced for Secretary expenses from April 5, 1920 to date of \$26.37.

Remarks made by J. R. Smith in favor of continuing a member of State Assn. and letting of saving of several dollars on every car of stock shipped to Denver, on commission and feed charges which had been secured

by State Association. Remarks by Davidson, Boone Best, and I. B. Kutch & others on benefit of organization in the State should not be abandoned. Mr Kutch suggested it might be well to hold some meetings oftener than once a year to keep up interest, and suggested a meeting on the date of the Old Settlers Reunion August 1st, 1922 at Las Animas. This was agreed to.

Sec. report

Secretary McMillin stated that a vast amount of work had been done during past two years by State Association officers that was very beneficial to members of this Association. That he had collected money as follows:

From Feb. 19, 1921 to this time	
Feb. 19, 1921 A. S. Dean Assessment for 1920	16.00
In 1922 application fee A. Cleves, Granada	5.00
Jan. 25 J. Martin Ford, Lamar 1920 Asst.	20.00
Feb. 10th J. A. Stinson, Springfield, 1920 Asst.	5.00
And at this meeting \$5.00 each was paid in for R. G. & Warren Worl, Vilas Asst.	5.00
Wm. Thompson, Vilas Asst	5.00
Sam Holt, Springfield Asst. 1920	5.00
L. L. Knox, Springfield Asst. 1920	5.00
Dayton, Knox, Springfield Asst. 1920	5.00
and T. Lester Anderson, application to join	5.00
Total	76.00

All of above money turned over to P. G. Scott, Treasurer. That no assessment had been made for year 1921 because so few had paid their 1920 assessment, and it was thought best to try to collect up the 1920 before making any further Assessment.

Election Officers

The election of officers being next in order, it was moved by John Davidson and carried that a committee of 5 be appointed by the chair to recommend names of officers for 1922. Chair appointed Mr. Knox of Baca Co., Kutch, Otero Co., Smith, Prowers Co, Best, Kiowa Co., Davidson Bent Co. On motion a 10 minute recess was taken. After recess, meeting called to order, and committee reported to us their recommendations for officers as follows: President Boone Best, Rocky Ford, Otero Co., 1st Vice President Chas. W. Switzer, Eads, Kiowa Co., Treasurer P. G. Scott, Las Animas, Bent Co.; Secretary M. J. McMillin, Carlton, Prowers Co., Asst. Secretary Arthur S. Dean, Las Animas, Bent Co. On motion all above were elected. But Secretary McMillin declined to serve as Secretary any longer, having been Sec. for over 21 years. After some discussion it was agreed Arthur S. Dean should be Secretary and M J McMillin, Asst. Sec.

More new Members

T. Lester Anderson, Las Animas and I. B. Kutch of Rocky Ford paid their admission fees and were elected members. At this time Boone Best took his place as President of meeting and Arthur S. Dean as Secretary, who kept the records from this time on thru the meeting.

Respectfully submitted.

Marsena J. McMillin, Secretary

Feb. 22, 1922

Upon election of new officers, Boone Best, President, was called to preside.

By motion of M J. McMillin and seconded Chas. Frey, this Association favored an assessment of 50 cents per car on livestock shipped to be collected by Commission Firms for the benefit of The Colorado Stockgrowers Assn. and that resolutions of such endorsement be forwarded to the State Assn. and to the Live Stock Exchange at Denver and Kansas City.

By motion A. S. Dean, seconded J. C. Davidson that the assessment for 1922 be a minimum fee of \$2.00 for each member and that an additional fee of 5 cents per head be collected from those members having over 40 head of cattle and horses.

Upon payment of \$7.00 by John J. Gruber, he was elected and declared a member.

A. S. Dean, Secy.

Saturday February 17th, 1923

53²
 The Fifty-third (53) annual meeting of the Bent Prowers Cattle & Horse Growers Assn. was called at the Court House on Sat. Feb. 17th, 1923 at 11 A. M. and recessed without transacting business. To meet at Palace Hotel at 12:30 where a good luncheon was enjoyed by a number of stockmen and which was favored with the President Boone Best as toastmaster. Among those present were: F. R. Jannary, Dave Klein, Ed Hoffman, J. W. Lamberson of Kiowa Co., Boone Best, Otero, M. J. McMillin & Jas. Smith, Prowers, A. B. Ham, Wilkie Ham, J. C. Davidson, B. T. McClave, C. W. Beach, M. S. Dean, R. H. Klett, Tom Hinote, W. H. Harkrader, Dr. C. G. Lamb, State Veteranian and others.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

Treas.
Report

Report of Treasurer P. G. Scott received and committee appointed consisting of R. H. Klett, Ray Blackburn and B. T. McClave reported accounts correct and a balance on hand of \$26.94.

Committee on Resolutions consisting of J. C. Davidson, P. G. Scott, M. J. McMillin, Boone Best, Wilkie Ham and Dr. C. G. Lamb presented the following resolution.

Be it resolved by the Bent and Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association assembled in its 53rd annual meeting that this Association is opposed to any change in the construction or functions of the State Board of Stock Inspection, or its being merged with any other board or boards, this for the reason that said board derives the major portion of its income from sources entirely outside of state taxation, collected directly from those engaged in the business, namely from the sale of estrays, from brand inspection fees and from cattle shipped and from the recording of stock brands; participating in state revenue only to the extent of 1-45 of a mill per annum. And that copies of this resolution be sent to the Governor and all the members of the State Legislature.

Upon motion of Wilkie Ham, seconded by J. C. Davidson, resolution was adopted.

Further, whereas, the livestock industry is one of the principal industries of the state of Colorado and is now in jeopardy because of the decreased price of livestock as compared to the increased cost of production; and whereas the principal cost of production is for grazing

Be it resolved by the Bent Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Assn. assembled in its 53rd annual meeting, that the State Land Board be requested to come to the aid of the livestock industry by reducing the grazing rental to the rates applied before the war.

Upon motion of Wilkie Ham, Seconded by M. J. McMillin, resolution was adopted.

Further, Resolved: By the Bent Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Assn. assembled in its 53rd annual meeting that this Assn. favors the Predatory Animal Bill, provided, some of the funds appropriated be used in the counties of Bent, Baca, Prowers, Otero & Crowley.

Upon motion Wilkie Ham, seconded B. F. McClave, resolution was adopted.

Further: We, the Bent Prowers Cattle & Horse Growers Assn assembled in its 53rd annual meeting, favor the continuance of effort looking to the control and eradication of tuberculoses of the domestic animals of the State of Colo. and consider it very important, both from an economic and public health standpoint, and urge upon our Legislature the necessity for the passage of laws and providing such appropriation as can be spared for the prosecution of the work.

Upon motion P. G. Scott, seconded by J. C. Davidson, resolution was adopted.

Chair appointed A. B. Ham, Dave Klein, J. C. Davidson, B. T. McClave and P. G. Scott as committee for the nomination of officers for 1923 and the following were nominated:

President Boone Best, Rocky Ford 1st Vice President J. A. Stinson, Springfield; 2nd Vice President Chas. W. Smeltzer, Eads; Secretary,

Arthur S. Dean, Las Animas; Asst. Secretary J. J. McMillin, Carlton; Treas. P. G. Scott, Las Animas; Asst. Treasurer J. C. Davidson, Las Animas. Upon motion A. B. Ham, Seconded by B. T. McClave, the above were declared elected.

Adjournment.

* * * * *

54th ANNUAL MEETING

Monday, Feb. 18, 1924

Bent Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Assn. met at Court House, Las Animas Colo on Monday February 18, 1924 at 11:00 P. M. President Boon Best, being absent Secy. A. S. Dean called meeting to order and upon motion of P. G. Scott, 2nd by R. H. Klett, M. J. McMillin was elected to act as Chairman.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

The names of following stockmen were presented as members.

Gary Troutman, Elkhart	Brand	/J
Boaz Hamilton, Elkhart	Brand	
R. H. Klett, Caddoa, Colo.	Brand	K
J. W. Lamberson, Arlington, Colo.		
M M. Simpons, McClave, Colo	Brand	S/

Upon motion B. T. McClave, 2nd Jas. Smith, above were declared as members.

Secretarys report accepted by motion Jas. Smith, 2nd P. G. Scott.

Treasurers report showing balance of \$76.19 on hand accepted by motion L. L. Knox, 2nd Jas. Smith.

Account of Bent Co. Democrat amount \$6.30 for printing and account of Secy. amount \$2.34 for postage, presented and upon motion Jas. Smith, 2nd R. H. Klett, same were ordered paid.

Moved by B. T. McClave, snd M. M. Simpson, that committee of three be appointed to serve on Resolutions. Carried.

Moved by A. S. Dean, 2nd P. G. Scott, that Harry J. Capps, President of Colo. Stockgrowers Assn. who was present be elected an honorary member of our Assn. Motion carried.

Chairman appointed B. T. McClave, M. M. Simpson and Harry J. Capps as committeeon resolutions and announced a recess until 12:30 P. M. when all should meet at the Palace Hotel for a Luncheon.

At the luncheon at 12:45 the following members and visitors were present	
B. T. McClave, McClave	J. C. Davidson, Las Animas
Richard Thaxton, Las Animas	W. H. Harkrader, Las Animas
J. F. Keown, Las Animas	Dave Cline, Haswell
Dan Cullinane, Las Animas	T. Lester Anderson, Las Animas
W. E. Cooper, Las Animas	S. C. Lee, Las Animas
W. R. Brown, Las Animas	E. J. Wallinger, Las Animas
P. G. Scott, Las Animas	L. L. Knox, Springfield
Jas. Smith, Lamar	Bud Tanner, Lamar
Dr. C. G. Lamb, Denver	Harry Capps, Walsenburg
R. L. Stephens, Prowers	M. J. McMillin, Carlton
M M. Simposn, McClave	R. H. Klett, Caddoa

Mr. Capps, being introduced showed his militant spirit by his address upon the affairs of the State Assn. and it was judged that he was a good selection as the head of that Assn.

TB Dr. C. G. Lamb, State Veterinarian, urged the continuance of the fight in Tuberculoses prevalent to some extent in livestock and also the care toward destroying all carcusses whose death was caused by Anthrax and Black-leg.

E. J. Wallinger, Co. Assessor, Bent County gave the members very good insight on tax matters in Bent County and also the workings of State Tax

Commission.

Committee on Resolutions, upon reporting, submitted the following resolutions:

Be it resolved by the Bent Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Assn. assembled in its 54th annual meeting, that whereas: the stockgrowers and farmers of these counties are desirous of lowering farm and grazing land valuation for taxation purposes and a lowering of assessments in general throughout the livestock growing districts and whereas we feel that if this, one of the leading industries of our country, does not get relief the future of this industry will be seriously injured, therefore we ask that copies of this resolution be mailed to the State Tax Commission, the Colo. Stock Growers Assn., The Co. Commissioners and Co. Assessors of Bent, Baca, Kiowa, Otero, and Prowers Counties.

Upon motion B. T. McClave, 2nd Jas. Smith, same was adopted.

2. Be it resolved by the Bent Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Assn. assembled in its 54th annual meeting, whereas 1. The State Board of Land Commissioners have insisted on holding the lease minimum on grazing land at 8 cents per acre, and whereas this is unjust to stock growers at this time owing to the low value of livestock and whereas we believe lower lease fees would tend to make every piece of State Land pay revenue while at the present minimum rate considerable State Land will not be leased, we therefore suggest that the old minimum lease fee of 5¢ per acre be restored.

Upon motion B. T. McClave, 2nd P. G. Scott, above resolution adopted.

3. Be it resolved by the Bent Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Assn. assembled in its 54th annual meeting, whereas: The Forestry Department is asking an increase in the grazing fees on our National Forests and we ask that no increase be made at this time, therefore we are heartily in favor of the Bill introduced by Senator Phipps, lowering grazing fees upon our National Forests to the actual cost of maintenance.

Upon motion B. T. McClave, 2nd M. M. Simpson, above resolution adopted.

4. Be it resolved by the Bent Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Assn. assembled in its 54th annual meeting, whereas, The term of office of M. J. McMillin of this District and William Harris, of Sterling, as members of the State Board of Stock Inspection Commissioners, both are soon to expire, therefore be it resolved: That as a reward for the valuable services and untiring efforts of both these men in the interest of the stockgrower of Colo., the Governor is most earnestly asked to reappoint Mr. M. J. McMillin and Mr. William Harris to succeed themselves on this board. Further, This Assn. wishes to extend many thanks to Mr. McMillin and Mr. Harris for the capable and persistent attention as members of Colo Stock Inspection Board rendered in the interest of the stockgrowers of Colo.

Moved by B. T. McClave and 2nd M. M. Simpson that above resolution be adopted and upon motion being placed before the Assn. by J. C. Davidson, same was declared adopted.

5. Be it resolved by the Bent Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Assn. assembled in its 54th annual meeting, Whereas: The War Dept. has established Remount Breeding Headquarters for the allotment of stallions in an endeavor to develop horses suitable, not only for the War Dept. but suitable as well for saddlers, hunters, and Polo horses. Therefore we as horsegrowers favor and endorse this action by the War Dept. and whereas, we have in our vicinity a sufficient number of mares of a suitable type to aid in this development of horses, therefore, we earnestly ask that at earliest possible convenience and if possible for this breeding season, there be allotted for our district such stallions as is available to Officer in Charge of the Central Zone.

Upon motion Jas. Smith, 2nd Dave Cline, above resolution was adopted.

Boon Best, Rocky Ford, was nominated for President by R. H. Klett
R. L. Stephens, Prowers was nominated for Vice President by J. R. Smith

Election
Officers

C. W. Sweltzer, Eads was nominated for 2nd Vice President by M. M. Simpson
 P. G. Scott, Las Animas was nominated for Treasurer by everybody
 A. S. Dean, Las Animas was nominated for Secretary by R. H. Klett
 And there being no further nominations, the above were declared elected to
 their respective offices.

Assessment

Moved by J. C. Davidson, 2nd R. H. Klett, that the Executive Committee be
 empowered in case of necessity to levy an assessment not to exceed 5¢ per
 head. Carried.

Moved by Jas Smith, 2nd by B. T. McClave that Secy draft resolution asking
 the Stock Exchanges at Kansas City, Denver, St. Joe and Omaha to collect
 25¢ per car from all shippers of cattle and horses from Colo. Carried.

Moved by P. G. Scott, 2nd Jas. Smith, that any shortage over ticket sales
 to the luncheon be paid from funds of the Assn. Carried.

A. S. Dean, Secy.

* * * * *

The Minutes of 55th Annual Meeting

The Bent-Prowers Cattle & Horse Growers Assn. was called to order by Pres.
 Boon Best at 11:00 A. M. in the Court House, Las Animas, Colo.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved. by motion A. W. Parish, 2
 nd J. R. Smith. Report of P. G. Scott, Treasurer, showing balance of
 \$59.60 received and by motion of L. L. Knox, 2nd by J. R. Smith, same was
 approved.

J. B. Kimball, Springfield and Harold Best having each paid the fee off
 \$5.00 for membership, by motion, P. G. Scott, 2nd L. L. Knox, both were
 declared members.

Recessed at 12:15 to meet again at Palace Hotel for lunch.

Visitors and members present included

Boon Best	A. N. Parish
B. T. Davis	J. R. Mayfield
Angus McIntosh	M. G. Gains
Robt. L. Stephens	P. G. Scott
W. H. Harkrader	R. H. Thompson
D. A. Storm	Jno. Marleman
S. A. Day	J. W. Moore
Chas. G. Lamb	J. R. Smith
Wilkie Ham	C. A. Thomas
Don Cullinane	Dick Klett
M. J. McMillin	Harold Best
L. L. Knox	R. L. Stephens
Stanley P. Young	J. A. Stinson
Wilson R. Brown	Richard Thaxton
Lester Anderson	A. S. Dean

Committee on Resolutions composed of members P. G. Scott, M. J. McMillin
 & R. H. Thompson submitted the following resolutions and by motion of
 P. G. Scott, 2nd M. J. McMillin same were adopted.

1. Las Animas, Colo. February 16, 1925

We, the members of the Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association
 at the 55th Annual Convention assembled, do earnestly ask the members of
 the present Legislature now in session in Denver to pass the bill to abolish
 the present State Tax Commission, and that a copy of this resolution be
 sent to the Governor, and each member of the Legislature.

2. We, the Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association in its 55th
 Annual Convention, assembled, appreciating the menace of tuberculosis to
 the cattle herds of the State as well as its menace to the public health,
 commend the good work that has been done looking toward its eradication
 and control.

Therefore, Be it Resolved, That we urge upon the members of the present
 Legislature, the necessity of providing a sum of money sufficiently large

55th

large to permit this work to be continued and its scope extended to the end that this destructive disease may eventually be exterminated from the herds of the State.

That copies of this resolution be sent to the members of the Legislature now assembled in Denver.

3. Be it Resolved by the Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association That we recognize the benefit of good sires in the production of suitable saddlers, cavalry horses and polo ponies, and again endorse the action of the War Department in allotting suitable stallions among horse growers, and Whereas, we have been favored by the allotment of T. B. Stallion Prudential. We wish to express our thanks.

4. Resolved by the Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association at its 55th Annual Convention assembled this February 16, 1925, that we pledge to the Colorado Stockgrowers Association, the support of our Association, and approve of its work during the year 1924, and its plans for the future. And further recommend that our Association renew our membership in the Colorado Stockgrowers Association for the year 1925, as provided under their Constitution and By-Laws.

5. Whereas, it has come to the attention of the 55th Annual Meeting of the Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association that Mr. L. G. McCubbin, member of the State Board of Livestock Inspection, has moved into our community to reside, and that serious illness in his family has prevented his being present at the meeting.

Be it Resolved, That we extend a hearty welcome to Mr. McCubbin as a resident with us, and hope for a speedy recovery for those of his family who are ill, and that copies of this resolution be forwarded to Mr. McCubbin.

We, the members of the Bent Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association assembled this 16th day of February, 1925, at Las Animas, Colorado strongly endorse H. B. 30, an act for continued co-operative work with the U. S. Biological Survey on predatory animal eradication and control work, and ask that the appropriation of \$30,000.00 be granted for the next two years.

Be it Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be sent by the Secretary of the above Association to the present members of the Legislature from Bent, Kiowa, Otero, Crowley, Prowers, and Baca Counties, and to the Senators from Bent, Kiowa, Prowers, Baca, Otero and Crowley Counties.

Dr. B. F. Davis, Secy. Mgr. Colorado Stock Growers Assn. gave very interesting talk on taxation and also the many benefits obtain in behalf of the stockman through the efforts of the State Assn. and urged our moral and financial support.

R. L. Stephens praised highly the speakers and upon his motion, a vote of thanks was extended to them.

Asst. 1925

Upon motion of Dick Klett, 2nd by R. L. Stephens, an assessment for 1925 was levied of one cent per head of cattle and horses provided that \$1.00 should be the minimum and \$10.00 the maximum.

Adjourned.

A. S. Dean, Secretary

* * * * *

Minutes 56 Annual Meeting

The Bent Prowers Cattle & Horse Growers Assn.

February 22, 1926

Meeting called to order in Court Room, County Court House by A. N. Parish at 11:00 O'clock A. M. with the following present: P. G. Scott, Jas Smith, L. L. Knox, Pinky Henderson, M. J. McMillin, Dr. C. G. Lamb and adjourned to Palace Hotel for lunch with others present to make a total of fifteen.

A. N. Parish selected as Chairman in the absence of Boon Best, President and M. J. McMillin, Asst. Secy. acting in the absence of A. S. Dean.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

Report of P. G. Scott, Treasurer read and approved.

Dr. C. G. Lamb, State Veterinarian gave his usual talk on mange and anthrax with the warning that we must clean up as there was danger of the Government taking serious action.

Bill for \$4.56 of Bent County Democrat presented and allowed.

Cattle stealing was talked of by different members.

Move by P. G. Scott that the rules be suspended and the Secretary cast the entire votes for the following officers:

Boon Best, Rocky Ford, President; A. N. Parrish, Lamar, Vice President, P. G. Scott, Las Animas, Treasurer, J. C. Davidson, Las Animas, Asst. Treasurer, A. S. Dean, Las Animas, Secretary, M. J. McMillin, Carlton, Asst. Secretary.

Motion carried and the above officers were declared elected.

Moved by Jas Smith, 2nd by L. L. Knox, that the Treasurer be instructed to send our assessment of \$20.00 to the State Assn. at once.

Clay Tipton, Springfield T & Elliot & Dodge Estelene T
A. O. Ross, Deora 1 & (L)
present application and by vote declared members of this Assn.

Moved by J. C. Davidson and duly seconded that meeting be adjourned.

M. J. McMillin, Asst. Secy.

* * * * *

Minutes 57th Annual Meeting

Bent Prowers Cattle & Horse Growers Assn.

Wednesday March 23, 1927

Meeting called to order by Vice President, A. N. Parrish of Lamar.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Treas. Report

Report of P. G. Scott, Treasurer, received showing a balance on hand of \$112.12. By motion of M. J. McMillin, 2nd J. C. Davidson, Treasurer's report accepted and filed.

Nominating Committee

By motion, M. M. Simpson, seconded by R. H. Klett, the chairman appointed M. M. Simpson, M. J. McMillin, J. C. Davidson, a committee on nominations to report after noon session.

Unused land and too great valuation

J. C. Davidson talked on unused grazing lands with torn down fences, abandoned by owners, with unpaid taxes sold back to the county and the possibilities of a reduction in taxes so that these could be used by stock growers.

M. M. Simpson, J. B. Dean said they were endeavoring to run cattle but felt they were under a handicap.

M. J. McMillin advised that the State Tax Commission were advocating an increase in valuations on both the land and livestock and that individuals should use efforts to show the folly of such action.

Meeting recessed to the Palace Hotel for lunch and continued following business there with attendance of following:

A. R. Knowles, Lamar	J. C. Davidson, Las Animas
A. O. Ross, Deora	Dr. C. G. Lamb, Denver
R. H. Thompson, Deora	H. A. Bailey, Las Animas
Jess Wyatt, Lamar	M. J. McMillin, Carlton
M. M. Simpson, McClave	P. G. Scott, Las Animas
D. A. Storm, Las Animas	L. G. McCubbin, Las Animas
J. B. Dean, Las Animas	R. L. Stephens, Prowers
J. C. Kinsley, Las Animas	A. N. Parrish, Lamar
Chas. Osborne, Caddoa	A. D. Hudnall, Las Animas

John McIntosh, Las Animas
 Jas Smith, Lamar
 Dr. S. W. Beggs, Lamar
 Dan Gates, Las Animas
 Lance Crittenden, Coolege, Kas.
 Hurley Hayden, Granada
 C. H. Ellis, Briston

R. H. Klett, Caddoa
 Raymond McMillin, Carlton
 J. M. Ragland, Kansas City
 L. R. Riley, Lamar
 C. E. Amerine, Holly
 U. S. Akers, Hartman
 Ray J. Blackburn, Hasty

Report
 Committee on
 Nominations

Committee on nominations made the following report
 Boon Best for President; A. N. Parrish for Vice President
 P. G. Scott, for Treasurer, J. C. Davidson for Asst. Treasurer
 A. S. Dean for Secretary, M. J. McMillin for Asst. Secretary.
 By motion M. M. Simpson, 2nd by R. L. Stephens, report of committee be accepted and the Secretary be instructed to cast the entire ballot for the above named officers. Carried and Secretary cast the ballot.

Committee on
 Resolutions

Chairman appointed M. M. Simpson, J. C. Davidson and R. L. Stephens as committee to draft the following resolution recommending M. J. McMillin for reappointment as a member of State Stock Inspection Board.
 That it is the sense of this meeting that the interests of the Stockgrowers of this State will be best served by a re-appointment of Marcena J. McMillin as a member of the State Board of Stock Inspection.
 That his long period of loyal service on this board gives experience and judgment that can not be replaced by any other appointment.
 We the undersigned committee duly appointed, ask your kind consideration of our request. Signed J. C. Davidson
 M. M. Simpson.
 R. L. Stephens.

Adourned at 4:30 P. M.

* * * * *

Minutes 58th Annual Meeting.

Bent Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Assn.

Wednesday February 22, 1928

Meeting called to order by Vice President A. N. Parrish of Lamar in the County Court House at Las Animas, Colo. at 10:30 O'Clock A. M.
 Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Treas Report

Treasurer, P. G. Scott, in his annual report showed a balance on hand of \$170.52.

Committee on
 Death Boon
 Best

Chairman appointed as Committee on Resolutions P. G. Scott, B. T. McClave, and R. L. Stephens drafted the following resolution and copies of which were sent to his sons Harold Best, Roy Best and Mack Best.
 Whereas our late President, Boon Best, was for many years one of the leading figures in the cattle industry of the Arkansas Valley and gave largely of his time and efforts in building up this industry and whereas he was a member of our Assn. for many years and served as President from February 22, 1922, until his death August 30, 1927 and in this capacity rendered valuable assistance in the conduct of our business affairs, therefore be it Resolved: That the Bent Prowers Cattle & Horse Growers Assn. in its 58th Annual Meeting at Las Animas, Colo. this 22nd day of February, 1928 tender to his bereaved children and other relatives our heartfelt sympathy and be it further Resolved: That in his death the Association has lost a valued leader. The cattle industry a strong supporter, and each and all of us individually, a loyal and true friend. That we deplore his untimely passing, and that while he has gone from us in person his memory will ever be cherished in the hearts and minds of the members of this Association.

Committee (P. G. Scott
 (B. T. McClave
 (R. L. Stephens

The following resolution was unanimously passed upon motion of M. M. Simpson, 2nd R. L. Stephens.

Be it Resolved by the Bent Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Assn. in its 58th Annual Meeting assembled at Las Animas, Colo. this 22nd day of Feb., 1928 That the interests of the Stock Growers of South Eastern Colo. will best be

protected by the reappointment of M. J. McMillin, Carlton, Colo. and Frank Parsons of Weston, Colo. as members of the Colorado State Stock Inspection Board,

Committee

(M. M. Simpson
(R. L. Stephens
(Sam Holt

Talks

J. W. Gass, President Colo. Stock Growers Assn. gave interesting talk on the working of that organization and urged our support.

Dr. Chas. G. Lamb, State Veterinarian gave an unusually good talk on Anthrax, mange, Tuberculosis, as well as "heel flys" and by motion P. G. Scott, 2nd A. N. Parrish a vote of thanks was extended to him.

Frank Parson gave an interesting talk on the duties and plans of the State Stock Inspection Board as noticed by him as a member.

Other persons present were:

R. L. Stephens, Prowers	Frank Parsons, Weston
L. L. Knox, Springfield	A. N. Parrish, Lamar
J. O. Scott, Caddoa	B. T. McClave, McClave
M. M. McMillin, Carlton	R. M. McMillin, Carlton
Henry Manifor, Horse Creek	Dr. C. G. Lamb, Denver
Ellen Allen, Springfield	R. H. Klett, Caddoa
Jas K. Smith, Lamar	Emmett Sniff, Caddoa
A. O. Ross, Deora	Floyd Sniff, Caddoa
Jess Wyatt, Lamar	Sam Holt, Springfield
J. C. Davidson, Las Animas	L. E. Edmindson, Pueblo
M. M. Simpson, McClave	R. G. Mayer, Pueblo
S. W. Beggs, Lamar	W. E. Calhoun, Pueblo
J. F. Keown, Las Animas	J. W. Gass, Pueblo
Charly Thomas, Las Animas	C. B. Parker, Pueblo
D. A. Storm, Las Animas	

Members
admitted

Upon payment of dues and motion of J. R. Smith, 2nd by M. M. Simpson, Sniff Bros. of Caddoa and Jas A. Scott of Caddoa were admitted as members.

Officers

Upon motion of A. N. Parrish and seconded by J. R. Smith the following officers were elected to their offices and also to serve as the board of Directors.
M. J. McMillin, Carlton, President B. F. McClave, McClave, Vice President
P. G. Scott, Las Animas, Treasurer, J. C. Davidson, Las Animas, Asst. Treas.
A. S. Dean, Las Animas, Secretary, R. H. Klett, Caddoa Asst. Secretary.

Meeting adjourned.

A. S. Dean, Secy.

* * * * *

59TH Annual Meeting Bent-Prowers Cattle
Horse Growers Assn. held February 22, 1929

Meeting called to order by President M. J. McMillin at 10 O'Clock A. M.
at County Court House February 22, 1929.

Roll call by motion was dispensed with and all members present were allowed privileges of meeting. Present:

P. G. Scott, Las Animas	J. R. Smith, Lamar
Sehe Braly, Las Animas	S. W. Beggs, Lamar
M. S. Dean, Las Animas	Dwight Clark, Lamar
A. S. Dean, Las Animas	Aaron Hasser, Lamar
E. G. Nicklos	Otto Hasser, Lamar
J. C. Davidson, Las Animas	Clifford Clark, Lamar
W. M. Blake, Las Animas	Dr. C. E. Smith, Lamar
J. H. Howe, Las Animas	M. M. Simposn, McClave
F. R. Godwin, Las Animas	F. G. Smart, McClave
A. W. Baker, Las Animas	Geo. McClave, McClave
F. S. W. Stough, Las Animas	John Smart, McClave
Geo. S. Miller, Las Animas	Gene Files, Caddoa
J. F. Keown, Las Animas	Jasper Files, Caddoa
L. H. Gerbing, Las Animas	Floyd Sniff, Caddoa
A. O. Ross, Deora	Fred B. Trostel, Caddoa
R. H. Thompson, Deora	Geo. W. Trostel, Caddoa
H. C. Falk, Deora	R. H. Klett, Caddoa
Gordon Gatlin, Springfield	Myrl Goodwin, Graft

. Lyle Knox, Springfield	Earl Goodwin, Graft
Sam Holt, Springfield	W. H. Hayden, Granada
T. Elden Allen, Springfield	C. C. Thomas, Granada
Wm. Walker, Springfield	Geo. B. Hayden, Granada
Dr. C. G. Lamb, Denver	R. L. Knox, Utleyville
Leo. L. Laythe, Denver	Arthur Dodge, Utleyville
I. L. Moore, Pritchett	Dayton Knox, Utleyville
C. W. Switzer, Eads	M. J. McMillin, Carlton
Ed Hoffman, Haswell	John S. Hixson, Holly
L. A. Stinchcomb, Kendall, Kans.	Cliff King, Syracuse, Kansas

Minutes previous meeting read and approved. Motion by M. M. Simpson, seconded by P. G. Scott, the following were admitted for membership:

Geo. S. Miller, Las Animas	John Hixson, Holly
J. H. Howe, Las Animas	Dwight Clark, Lamar
Blake & Stough, Las Animas	Goodwin Bros. Graft
Sebe Braly, Las Animas	Ray Knox, Uttleyville
L. H. Gerbing, Las Animas	C. Lyle Knox, Springfield
E. G. Nicklos, Las Animas	Hasser Bros., Lamar
Arthur Dockurn, Deora	Clyde Kygar, Kazan
Marshall S. Dean, Las Animas	C. E. Allen, Kazan
Cliff King, Syracuse, Kans	H. C. Foulk, Deora
X. Y. Ranch, Inc. Granada	Jasper Files & Son, Caddoa
Geo. McClave, McClave	

Committee on Resolutions, M. M. Simpson, J. C. Davidson, P. G. Scott presented the following resolutions which were by motion adopted.

A. N. Parish Be it Resolved: by the Bent Prowers Cattle & Horse Growers Assn. of Colo. that in the removal, by death, of A. N. Parrish this Assn. appreciates a very distinct loss of one of its old and active members. The influence of Mr. Parrish, politically, as well as in the more close relations were always for the greatest good of the membership as a whole. It is ordered that a copy of this remembrance be spread on the minutes of this Annual Meeting.

M. J. Mc Millin Be it Resolved: by the Bent Prowers Cattle & Horse Growers Assn. in its 59th Annual Meeting, assembled at Las Animas, Colo. this 22nd day of Feb. 1929, that the interests of the stock growers of southeastern Colorado will best be protected by the reappointment of M. J. McMillin of Carlton Colo. as a member of the Colorado Stock Inspection Board.

L. L. Knox Be it resolved by the Bent Prowers Cattle & Horse Growers Assn. of Colorado that in the removal by death of L. L. Knox, Springfield, Colo., this Association appreciates a very distinct loss of one of its old and active members. The influence of Mr. Knox, politically as well as in the more close relations were always for the greatest good of the membership as a whole. It is ordered that a copy of this remembrance be spread on the minutes of this annual meeting.

Report of Treasurer showing balance of \$235.12 was approved.

Report of President McMillin received with enthusasiam as the efforts in our behalf were explained.

J. C. Davidson, Sam Holt & Chas. Sweitzer appointed as committee on nomination of officers presented as follows:
M. J. McMillin, Carlton, President, M. M. Simpson, McClave, Vice President
P. G. Scott, Las Animas, Treasurer, Sam Holt, Springfield, Asst. Treasurer,
A. S. Dean, Las Animas, Secy., Chas Sweitzer, Eads, Asst. Secy.

Upon motion J. C. Davidson, 2nd by L. H. Gerbing that report was accepted and were declared elected.

Dr. C. G. Lamb gave interesting talk on the action of the Stock Inspection Board, and with special mention of the Veterinary action. Moved by M. M. Simpson that \$30.00 be sent to Colo. Stockgrowers Assn. for annual dues.

Also pay Bent Co. Democrat \$11.80 account, also pay A. S. Dean for expense \$5.10. 2nd by Wm. Walker and carried.

60th Annual Meeting

Bent Prowers Cattle & Horse Growers Assn. meeting called to order in Court House at 10:30 A. M. by M. J. McMillin, President.

Minutes read and approved.

Report of Treasurer, P. G. Scott showed balance \$355.00 Report of Secy. received.

Visitors as follows, present:

L. A. Edmundson, Pueblo
E. S. Edmundson, Pueblo
C. P. Morgan, Pueblo
S. V. Fosdick, Fowler
Frank Fosdick, Fowler
T. J. Satterfield, Fowler
J. W. Goss, Avondale
W. E. Calhoun, Avondale

J. W. DeMerritt, Greeley
Sen. J. J. Tobin, Montrose
Dr. C. E. Smith, Lamar
Forrest Bossford, Denver
Dr. C. G. Lamb, Denver
B. T. Davis, Denver
J. J. Clark, Pueblo

Members

W. H. Hayden, Granada
Arthur Dodge, Granada
Geo. B. Hayden, Granada
W. H. Henderson, Kit Carson
J. R. Smith, Lamar
John L. Petticrein, Springfield
Wm. Walker, Springfield
C. Lyle Knox, Springfield
J. O. Scott, Caddoa
Emmitt Sniff, Caddoa
Floyd C. Sniff, Caddoa
Jasper Files, Caddoa
Gene Files, Caddoa
Geo. W. Trostel, Caddoa
R. H. Klett, Caddoa
Fred B. Trostel, Caddoa

C. W. Sweitzer, Eads
A. O. Ross, Deora
R. H. Thompson, Deora
M. M. Simpson, McClave
B. T. McClave, McClave
M. J. McMillin, Carlton
R. M. McMillin, Carlton
P. G. Scott, Las Animas
A. D. Hudnall, Las Animas
J. T. Elder, Las Animas
R. B. McDermott, Las Animas
H. H. Clark, Las Animas
J. F. Keown, Las Animas
W. M. Blake, Las Animas
Geo. S. Miller, Las Animas
J. M. Rhine, Las Animas

New Members

By motion B. T. McClave, 2nd C. W. Sweitzer, the following men admitted to membership:

Ira McKeever, Caddoa \wedge

Geo. B. Mitchell, Lamar

John Nolan, Lamar \vee

R. Pryor, Las Animas JF

Jimmie C. McMillin, Carlton N

W. H. Henderson, Kit Carson X

M. E. Jones, Eads Po

Cain Bros, Lamar \square

Levi Dumbald, Jr, Las Animas

Keneth F. Heizer, Las Animas 3I

J. W. Kirkpatrick, Las Animas F

Resolution
Sam Holt

Committee consisting of J. R. Smith, C. G. Lamb, and M. M. Simpson presented following resolution which by motion of J. R. Smith, 2nd by J. W. Kirkpatrick was unanimously adopted.

We, the Bent Prowers Cattle & Horse Growers Assn. realize that in the death of Samuel T. Holt of Springfield, this Association has sustained the loss of one of its most valuable and active members and that the Livestock Industry of this vicinity has lost the benefits of the council and advise of a man who was always vitally interested in the advancement and improvement of the entire industry in all its branches.

Therefore be it Resolved: That we express our sense of personal loss in the death of Mr. Holt and extend to his surviving relatives, our sincere sympathy and that this Resolution be spread on the minutes of this meeting and a copy be sent to the family and to the Springfield newspaper.

Signed

J. R. Smith
M. M. Simpson
Chas. G. Lamb.

Dr. B. F. Davis, Secy. Mgr. Colo. Stockgrowers and Feeders Assn. gave interesting talk on the workings of that Assn., including activities on legislation, tax action and advertising our wares.

Motion by M. M. Simpson, 2nd R. M. McMillin, that in addition to our Asst.

			Annual mtg
1903	W.A. Towers		33
1904	W.A. Towers		34
1905	M.H. Murray	2-20-05	35
1906	M.H. Murray	2-19-06	36
1907	M.H. Murray	2-18-07	37
1908	M.H. Murray (absent)	2-24-08	38
1909	M.H. Murray (absent)	2-15-09	39
1910	James Cushney	2-21-10	40
1911	" " Heavy Snow	2-20-11	41
1912	" "	2-19-12	42
1913	" "	2-17-13	43
1914	" "	2-16-14	44
1915		2-15-15	45
1916		2-22-16	46
1917	James Cushney	2-19-17	47
1918	" "	2-18-18	48
May 1919	" "	5-26-1919	49
Apr. 1920	" "	4-5-1920	50
1921	" "	2-19-1921	51
1922	" "	2-22-1922	52
1923	Boone Best	2-17-1923	53
1924	" "	2-18-24	54
1925	" "	2-16-25	55
1926	" "	2-22-26	56
1927	" "	3-23-27	57
1928	" "	2-22-1928	58
1929	M.J. McMillin	2-22-29	59
1930			60

of \$30.00 we donate \$50.00 to aid in this work. Carried.

Following bills allowed: Bent Co. Democrat \$7.26, A. S. Dean \$5.75
Motion by M. M. Simpson, 2nd by A. O. Ross, that Secretary receive annual salary of \$50.00.

Recess for lunch at Palace Hotel at which 56 were present, followed by group photo of the bunch.

J. R. Smith nominated M. M. Simpson of McCalve for President and received unanimous vote. Taking the office, he advised that he wanted help and with much applause he declared M. J. McMillin elected as Vice President and that we all wanted our Treasurer P. G. Scott for the 46th term and he was also elected with great enthusiasm. J. R. Smith was elected as Asst. Treasurer, A. S. Dean for Secy. and C. W. Sweitzer of Eads was reelected Asst. Secy.

M. J. McMillin read a very interesting letter from Luke Cahill, the only living ex-president of this Assn., which included happening no one present could dispute.

Sen. John Tobin, Montrose, Colo, recalled the changes of past 60 years, pointing out that Stockman & Railroads generally shouldered the taxes and were the backbone of the Country as they were always the pioneers. No farm can exist long without livestock. Stockmen should be organized and complemented our Assn. upon its long existence and activity.

J. J. Clark, Mgr. Colo. State Fair, spoke regarding State Fair and gave some interesting facts and pointed out the benefits to the Stockgrower following which the Assn. unanimously voted its approval and promised its aid for a bigger and better fair.

Sam & Frank Fosdick recalled old times of the Community. Pueblo County was represented by 9 members from their Assn. and express their pleasure of attending.

Dr. C. E. Smith told of the experiments with Grubs and Heel Flies and of the efforts of the Government toward their control.

Upon motion of J. R. Smith, the Resolution endorsing M. J. McMillin was again ordered forwarded to Gov. W.H. Adams for his consideration.

Adjourned

A. S. Dean, Secy.

* * * * *

Sixty-First Annual Meeting Of

Call

The Bent Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Assn.
called to order at 10:30 A. M. March 9, 1931 at County Court House, Las Animas, Colo. by M. M. Simpson with all officers present except P. G. Scott, Treas.

Roll Call
Resolution and
Membership
Committee

On motion H. A. Bailey roll call passed. On motion J. R. Smith, 2nd by Jess Layton, the Chair appointed M. J. McMillin, H. A. Braley and Dr. C. G. Lamb on committee on Resolutions and Chas. W. Sweitzer, J. R. Smith and Lyle Knox as Committee on membership.

Report
President

Minutes previous meeting read and approved. President Simpson made report of activities of Assn. and asked Dr. B. F. Davis, Secy. Mgr. of Colorado Stock Growers and Feeders Assn. to supplement his report and point out the activities of State Assn, Legislature, Taxation, Tuberculosis, Embargo on feeders possibility, were all explained by him.

Report
Treas.

W. J. A. Scott made Treasurers report showing a balance on hand of \$334.20, which report by motion of M. E. Jones, 2nd Jasper Files was accepted.

Report. Secy.

Secy. reported his efforts on behalf of Assn. by attending State Meetings of Tax Commission Board of Equalization as well as District Meetings.

New Members

Committee of membership reported: J. A. McGlothlin and Elton Leighton of Lamar for membership and by motion, J. R. Smith, 2nd M. E. Jones, both were

admitted.

Sheriffs Present

Sheriff Gates, Bent W. Alderman, Prowers Co. Dobbins, Otero and Moyne of Kiowa and Deputy Sheriff Knox of Baca Co. gave talks on law violation, stock theft, etc. and all signified their desire to co-operate with Assn. in such thefts and Assn. Secy. was instructed to act as headquarters to furnish information to all these Sheriffs and give as much aid as possible to assist them in the capture of thieves of livestock.

Reward

Motion of R. Pryor, 2nd J. O. Scott, a reward of \$50.00 for information leading to arrest and conviction of a thief of any livestock of any member of this Assn. in good standing. Carried. Authorized Executive Committee to advertise in four county papers if rates would permit.

Upon motion, the sheriffs above named were declared Honorary members with all dues paid. Dr. G. S. Lamb gave interesting talk on mange and tuberculosis, who was further supplemented by Dr. Rudolph Snyder of U. S. Bureau of Animal Industry in which was pointed out the possibility of Embargo on feeders from non accredited areas. Dr. Davis, in fact, did not agree that such drastic measures were possible. Mr. Locklin, representative of Santa Fe RR signified his willingness to aid shippers in such ways as were possible.

Thanks to Dr. Davis, Lamb, Dr. Snyder A. D. Hudnall

On motion of M. J. McMillin, 2nd Geo. S. Miller that vote of thanks be extended to Dr. Lamb (Honory Member), Dr. Davis, and Dr. Snyder for their information and that the latter two be declared Honorary Members. And that a vote of thanks be extended to A. D. Hudnall for his efforts on behalf of the Assn. and also for the cigars donated at the dinner.

Assn. Asst.

Moved by J. R. Smith, 2nd W. H. Henderson, that annual asst. of 30.00 with another 40.00, a total of 80.00 be paid to State Assn. and that the annual dues should be 2¢ per head with a minimum of 2.00 and maximum of \$10.00.

Resolution Tax Commission

Resolution Committee reported as follows: Whereas: The State Tax Commissioners and the County Assessors of the State have brought about a reduction in the assessment of live stock which reduction brings such assessment more in line with other losses than it has previously been, and Whereas: This reduction is much appreciated by Stockmen and comes at a very opportune time when the industry is at a low ebb, be it. Resolved: That we extend our thanks for and appreciation of this action to the State Tax Commissioners and each and every County Assessor of the State.

Adopted by motion C. G. Lamb, 2nd Wm. Walker

Oleomargarine

Whereas: The Seventy-first Congress before its adjournment on March 4, 1931, passed the Brigham Oleomargarine Bill levying a tax of 10 cents a pound on all colored oleomargarine and a quarter of a cent a pound on all uncolored, and this bill was signed by President Hoover on March 4th.

Whereas: Animal Margarine is a food product containing Oleo oil, Oleo Stearine which are meat cattle by products used in its manufacture and whereas we have always felt this tax unjust and unfair to the beef producer, feeder, and the families who can only afford to buy Oleomargarine as a spread for bread and we consider the present U. S. tax sufficient and all the product will stand without further reduced value of live cattle.

Wherefor be it Resolved: and we do hereby respectfully request those Representatives and Senators members of the twenty-eighth General Assembly now in session, who's constituents are engaged in beef production and feeding or are of the class that would likely be consumers of oleomargarine or engaged directly or indirectly in its manufacture, wholesale, or retail trade, to use their best endeavor to block and prevent new State Legislation that would add cost of the product to consumer retail sale, thereby further reducing cattle values that are today in line with low values of 1922. And that the State Secretary be requested to send copies of this Resolution to each member of the House and Senate.

Tuberculosis

Whereas: The disease Tuberculosis has by T. B. Test and post mortem findings found to be affecting cattle in some of our dairy herds and whereas this disease is known to be infectious, contagious and transmissible to man, cattle and swine. Whereas the Federal Government is now spending \$5,000,000.00 a year in the eradication and control of Tuberculosis and all states working in cooperation, one spending more than \$9,500,000.00 annually. and Whereas: The Federal Government is willing to co-operate with the State of Colorado in the work of testing cattle and in the payment of indemnities on diseased

cattle found as a result of the T. B. Test and to fully co-operate in the work of the eradication and control of the disease, Tuber culosis now known to exist to a greater or less extent in our State.

Therefore be it Resolved: That we request and urge our Senators and Representatives to provide an appropriation of not less than \$65,000.00 as provided in House Bill, No. 80. A Bill for an act providing an appropriation to carry out the provisions of Chapter 167 Cession Laws of Colorado 1925. Adopted by motion C. G. Lamb, 2nd M. E. Jones.

P. G. Scott

Whereas: It has please Almighty God in his infinite wisdom to call to his reward one of the oldest, best known and most beloved of our members. One who during his long life devoted much of his time and energy to the advancement and betterment of the livestock industry in all its branches, not only in this immediate vicinity but throughout the entire State. One, who forty-six years, served this Association as Treasurer and was always present at its meetings and took an active part in all its deliberations. Therefore be it Resolved: That we hereby express our sense of personal loss in the death of Mr. P. G. Scott and the loss sustained by the members of this Association and the livestock industry of the entire State. And be it further Resolved: That a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of the Association and that a copy be forwarded to the bereaved family.
Dated this 9th day of March 1931

Adopted by motion C. G. Lamb, 2nd Bent King, and all arose to stand at attention.

Geo. B. Mitchell

Be it Resolved: By the Bent Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association of Colorado that on the removal by death of Geo. Mitchell, this Association appreciates a very distinct loss of one of its old and active members. The influence of Mr. Mitchell, politically, as well as in the more close relations, were always for the greatest good of the membership as a whole. It is ordered that a copy of this remembrance be spread on the minutes of this Annual Meeting. Adopted by motion of C. G. Lamb, 2nd by Lyle Knox and all arose to stand at attention.

Election of Officers

Upon motion J. R. Smith, duly seconded M. M. Simpson, for President, M. J. McMillin, for Vice President, Wm. J. A. Scott, for Treasurer, J. R. Smith, Asst Treasurer, A. S. Dean for Secy. and C. W. Sweitzer, Asst. Secy, were declared elected to their respective offices.

Endorse M. J. McMillin

Upon motion, Secy. was instructed to again endorse M. J. McMillin for consideration for appointment as member of State Stock Inspection Board.

Secy. Salary

Upon motion, Chas. W. Sweitzer, Secy salary of fifty dollars be allowed for the past year. Carried.

Treas. book preserved.

Moved by M. J. McMillin that the Treasurers record book so long used and cherished by P. G. Scott, be placed in safe place by W. J. A. Scott, Treasurer and a new book purchased for future use.

Adjourned

Moved by R. H. Klett that the meeting now adjourn.

A. S. Dean, Secy.

* * * * *

Present

The 62nd Annual Meeting of Bent Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Assn. was called to order at 10 A. M. at Court House, Las Animas, Colo. on Monday February 8, 1932 by M. M. Simpson, President and among those present were: Las Animas--A. S. Dean, Marshall S. Dean, Geo. S. Miller, Angus McIntosh, W. M. Blake, Dan Gates, W. J. A. Scott, H. H. Clark. La Junta--H. F. Lambert, Harold Best, Claude Whitlock. Lamar--J. O. Scott, Frank P. Cain, J. R. Smith, S. W. Beggs, Elton Leighton, Jesse O. Wyatt, Aaron Hasser. McClave--M. M. Simpson, B. T. McClave, Geo. McClave. Ninaview--H. A. Bailey, Fred W. Stough. Caddoa--R. H. Klett, Fred B. Trostel, Geo. W. Trostel. Granada--W. H. Hayden, R. H. Hayden, Geo. B. Hayden, J. J. Dodge. Kit Carson--Chas. E. Collins, W. H. Henderson. Dr. Chas. G. Lamb, Denver; R. L. Stephens, Prowers; A. O. Ross, Deora, Lyle Knox, Springfield; Ray Knox, Utleyville; Wilmer J. McMillin, Carlton; J. E. McCauley, Kenton, Okla; M. E. Jones, Eads; Arthur Dodge

Resolutions

Resolutions Committee appointed by President Simpson were Wilmer J. Mc Millin, A. O. Ross, M. E. Jones, Harold Best, Lyle Knox, Chas. G. Lamb, and Herman A. Bailey, presented.

We, the Bent Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Assn. in view of the fact that the Tax Commissioners and various County Assessors are to hold a meeting at Canon City on March 8 & 9, 1932 to consider the matter of assessment for coming year, hereby go on record as requesting that the assessed valuation of range cattle be reduced to \$15.00 per head for yearlings and up and also a substancial reducing in the assessed valuation of other livestock. The Secretary of Assn. is directed to send copies of this resolution to the Assessors of all Counties represented in the Association. Carried.

M. J. Mc
Millin

Also We, the Bent Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association in Annual Meeting assembled, express our sense of personal loss in the death of Mr. M. J. McMillin, one of our oldest, most active, and best beloved members and, while bow submissively to the will of the All Mighty, we feel that each member of the Assn. has lost a valued friend. The Association has lost a member that was always actively interested in its welfare, having served as an officer of the Assn. for thirty-two years. and the livestock interests of the entire State has lost the advice and influence of one who was always willing and eager to give untiringly of his time and effort, to the up building of the industry in all its branches throughout the entire State, as evidenced by his seventeen years of active membership on the State Board of Stock Inspection Commissioners from whose meetings, he was only absent on one occasion.

Therefore be it Resolved: That we extend to the family of Mr. McMillin, our deep and heart felt sympathy at the loss of a devoted husband and father and assure them that we grieve with them in our common loss. And Be it Further Resolved: That this resolution be spread upon the minutes of the Association and that a copy be sent to the bereaved family. Carried by a standing vote with bowed heads.

Also

Simpson to
Stock Inspect-
ion Board

Be it resolved that the interests of the Stockgrower need attention and, We, The Bent Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Assn. recognizing the ability and judgment of M. M. Simpson, McClave, Colo., do petition and ask of Governor W. H. Adams to consider and appoint, M. M. Simpson as a member of the State Stock Inspection Board. And that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Governor W. H. Adams. Carried

Upon motion, this Assn. was authorized to join the American Nat'l. Livestock Assn. upon invitation of Chas. E. Collins of Kit Carson, who had just been elected President of that Livestock body.

Santa
Fe

Clude Whitlock in charge of Santa Fe Stock Yards and builder was present and pointed out the many things the Santa Fe had done to aid livestock shipments.

Reward

The Assn. voted to pay a reward of \$25.00 for conviction of anyone found guilty of theft of livestock from members of this assn. in good standing.

Voted by motion that the annual dues be paid to Colorado Stockgrowers and Feeders Assn.

Motion J. R. Smith, seconded that the Annual Dues to this Assn. be 2¢ per head of horses and cattle owned with a minimum of \$2.00 and a maximum of \$10.00

M M Simpson
A. S. Dean, Secy.

* * * * *
Sixty Third Annual Meeting February 22, 1933

Meeting called to order by M M. Simpson, President, with all officers present as well as members, Wilmer J. McMillin, R. M. McMillin, Carlton C. W. Smeitzer, Eads; W. H. Henderson, Kit Carson; B. T. McClave, M. M. Simpson, McClave; Bill Walker, Lyle Knox, T. Cldin Allen, Springfield; A. O. Ross, Bent King, Deora; R. H. Klett, Fred B. Trostel, Geo. W. Trostel, F. W. Cathcart, Oscar Hasser, Orval C. Sniff, Caddoa; Cliff Dodge, J. J. Dodge, and Arthur Dodge, W. H. Hayden, Granada; H. F. Decker, Harold Cline, H. B. Cline, Holly; J. R. Smith, A. C. Mitchell, J. A. McGlothlin, F. A. Ray, A. J. Mendenhall and F. R. Lamb, Lamar, T. H. Brady, La Junta, L. M.

Franka, A. A. Rappins, Hasty; C. E. Allen, H. A. Bailey, W. M. Blake, Ninaview; Henry Manifor, Wm. J. A. Scott, Geo. S. Miller, J. C. Davidson, Jno. R. Anderson, A. D. Hudnall, LeRoy Boyd, W. H. Harkrader, R. B. McDermott, J. R. McCandless, Archie McKenzie, W. H. Anderson, L. C. Coffelt, Willard J. Allen, Casto Dunavin, Sheriff, W. F. Springstead, John Brunken, E. L. Etchison, Ricard Pryor, Assessor C. N. Troupe, Richard Forthert, E. L. Etchison, Wm. Patty, Las Animas;

Comm
Membership

Committee on membership and collection of dues: J. R. Smith, Wm. J. A. Scott, and T. Elden Allen reported collection of dues in amount \$63.00

Resolutions

Resolutions committee submitted the following, which were adopted and a vote of thanks extended for their labor in drafting.

1. Whereas: It has come to the attention of this Assn. that bills have been introduced in the present Legislature looking towards the elimination of the Stock Inspection Board.

Whereas: This board has functioned in the interest of and to the general satisfaction of the Live Stock interests of this State, for a period of fifty years or more, under laws which are conceded superior to similar laws in other states, which laws were obtained after many years of effort on the part of the Livestock Industry and

Whereas: This Board is financed very largely by monies contributed by the Livestock men, the members.

Therefore Be it Resolved: We the Bent Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Assn., in 63rd Annual Meeting assembled this 22nd day February, 1933, do most respectfully and earnestly request the members of the 29th General Assembly to refrain from taking any action, changing the status of this Board in any manner.

Cake Rate

No. 2. Whereas: it has come to the attention of the Bent Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Assn. that a reduction was made in freight rates by the various Railroad Companies servicing this territory during the past year, benefiting the drought stricken counties and

Whereas: Such rates were discontinued by the Railroads and that since such discontinuance of reduction of freight rates various truck carriers have become active in delivering cotton seed cake for livestock to feeders at a price that the Railroad Companies are not meeting. Such discrepancy in freight rates are called to the attention of the Railroad Companies.

Assessed
Valuation

No. 3. Whereas: The assessed valuation of cattle was fixed by the Colo. Tax Commission for assessment purposes at Fifteen (\$15.00) Dollars per head of cattle over the age of six (6) months for the past year, and Whereas: Conditions in general and the price of cattle are not on a par of the year just past.

Therefore Be it Resolved: That we recommend that a maximum valuation of Twelve (\$12.00) per head and a minimum valuation of eight dollars (\$8.00) per head be placed on cattle for assessment purposes and that the age for assessment purposes be raised to nine months of age instead of six months as in the past.

No. 4. Be it Resolved: That we as members of the Bent Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Assn. and as a committee on Resolutions of said organization be it to be to the best interests of the Livestock Industry to re-appoint M. M. Simpson as a Member of the State Live Stock Inspection Board for the following reasons: He is a member of this organization and its President and has been a member of said organization for years. We do not believe a more competent person can be found for the place. Mr. Simpson has long been associated with stock and stock interests in Eastern Colo. and of the Arkansas Valley and its tributaries and has devoted much of his time to the upbuilding of the Organization and has been a tireless worker in behalf of said Livestock interests and has contributed not only his time but money that a better Association might be had. He is a man of good moral character and we feel that as a member of said Board we can look to a future in this Assn that will be bigger and better by his appointment as a member of said Board of Stock Inspection Commissioners.

No. 5. Whereas: It has pleased the Almighty God to take from our midst one of Honorary members, a man who was always active in the enforcement of the laws of our State, and

Whereas: We the members of this Association feel a deep personal loss in the death of Sheriff Wm. E. Dunavin of Baca County.

Therefore be it Resolved: By This Assn. that we express our regrets

at the passing of one of our Honored Honary Members and be it further resolved that a copy of these resolutions be spread on the minutes of this meeting and that a copy be sent to the bereaved wife, Mrs. Faye Dunavin and his mother, Mrs. S. E. Dunavin.

B. T. McClave, Chairman, Lyle Knox, W. H. Hyden, Chas. W. Sweitzer, A. O. Ross and H. A. Bailey, Committee on Resolutions.

Treas.
report

Report of Treasurer W. J. A. Scott showed on hand January 1, 1932 \$258.26
 Collections 70.00 Total 328.26
 Disbursements Secy. 50.00
 Colo. Stock Growers Assn. 30.00
 American Nat'l Livestock 25.00 Total 105.00
 Balance on hand Feb. 22 223.26
 Motion B. T. McClave, 2nd J. R. Smith, report be accepted.

Secretary reported the tax meeting at Canon City, the Annual Meeting at Buena Vista and the meeting at Denver in Jan. and the activities of the State Assn.

Lunch at the Palace Hotel was attended by thirty-five members.

Called to order at Court Room by President Simpson at 1:30 P. M.

On motion of R. H. Klett, seconded by Henry Manifor, Secretary was ordered to pay rewards for theft only after a certificate from the court that conviction was had.

On motion of T. Alden Allen, Seconded by A. O. Ross, that a reward of \$25.00 be paid for the conviction and delivery of defendant to penitentiary, who has been found guilty of theft of livestock from any member of this Assn. in good standing.

Assessor Cary Troupe invited suggestions as to valuations for assessment purposes and also asked that representatives of Assn. attend the District Assessors Meeting in March.

Motion by B. T. McClave, duly seconded, that dues for 1933 be \$2.00 for each member.

Motion by Geo. S. Miller, 2nd by J. C. Davidson, that the annual dues to Colorado Stock Growers and Feeders Assn. in amount of \$30.00 and the Annual Dues of \$25.00 to American National Stock Growers be paid.

Motion of Chas. W. Sweitzer, 2nd R. H. Klett, that the salary and expenses of Secretary in amount of \$45.00 be paid.

Motion duly seconded that a rising vote of thanks be extended to Resolutions Committee for the efforts and time in preparing Resolutions, was carried by a rising vote.

Committee on nominations consisting of W. H. Hayden, Lyle Knox, Chas. W. Sweitzer, B. T. McClave, W. H. Henderson and A. O. Ross made the following report: That

M. M. Simpson, McClave be elected President

Raymond McMillin, Carlton be elected Vice President

Wm. J. A. Scott, Las Animas, be elected Treasurer

J. R. Smith, Lamar, be elected Asst. Treasurer

A. S. Dean, Las Animas, be elected Secretary

Chas. W. Sweitzer, Eads, be elected Asst. Secretary.

And that these officers also be the Executive Committee and a vote being taken, they were declared elected.

Adjourned at 4:40 P. M.

A. S. Dean, Secretary

M. M. Simpson, President

* * * * *

64TH Annual Meeting February 22, 1934

Resolution
Committee

Meeting called to order by M. M. Simpson, President. Appointed on Resolution Committee:

H. F. Decker, Prowers Co. Mat Jones, Kiowa
 Wm. Walker, Baca County Dick Klett, Bent
 Dr. L. F. Brady, Otero County H. A. Bailey, Bent

Nomination Committee Fred Clark, Prowers County Chas. Sweitzer, Kiowa
 Lyle Knox, Baca B. T. McClave, Bent
 J. D. Craighead, Otero appointed on nominations

Membership Committee Jas. Scott, Mat Jones, Jas Smith and Wm. Walker appointed on membership committee

Minutes Minutes previous meeting read and approved
 Wm. J. A. Scott, Treasurer reports

Treas. report Balance 2-22-33 223.26
 Collection 77.00
 Expense Secy. 45.00
 Colo Stock Growers 30.00
 American Natl Assn. 25.00
 Nat'l Committee 15.00
 Special to Colo Stk gra assn 50.00
 165.00
 Bal 135.26
 300.26 300.26

Report approved and accepted

J. C. Davidson discussed lax inspection of cattle in trucks as did also Lyle Knox, J. O. Scott and Roy Edgar.

Noon at Palace Hotel: following were present from Lamar: S. Fred Clark, J. J. Johnston, Wilmer J. McMillin, J. R. Smith, Neil N. McLean, J. C. Scott, Jesse Tanner, Aaron Hasser, L. E. Adlerman and Harry L. Beinne. From La Junta, Ham Lambert, Floyd Dunham, Dr. T. H. Brady, Roy Edgar, J. D. Craighead, From Arlington, Norris Anderson, George Hofferben. From Ninaview H. A. Bailey. From Bristol C. H. Ellis. From Hasty R. J. Blackburn and R. L. Stephens. From Granada W. H. Hayden, Jim Dodge and Arthur Dodge, O. W. Lubers, Wiley. FROM Eads Mat Jones & C. W. Sweitzer From Holly, H. F. Decker, From Galatea A. F. Wenger, From Carlton, R. M. McMillin; From Springfield Lyle Knox & Wm. Walker; From Caddoa Fred B. Trostel, C. E. Stuart, Geo. W. Trostel, R. H. Klett and Oscar Hasser. From Elks, Nevada John Angus; From Denver Dr. J. O. Wilson, Dr. M. M. Gow; From McClave, B. T. McClave, G. C. Bishop and M. M. Simpson, From Deora A. O. Ross; From Las Animas: L. C. Coffelt, LeRoy Boyd, R. B. McDermott; H. H. Clark, Ralph E. Johnston, Carl Brunken, Geo. S. Miller, Henry Manifor, Leonard Shannon, W. M. Blake, Dr. E. E. Krans, F. J. McCandless, Casto Dunavin, Wm. J. A. Scott, John L. Anderson, J. C. Davidson, E. L. Etchison, Keneth F. Heizer, Levi Dumbauld, A. D. Hudnall and A. S. Dean.

Dr. C. E. Smith gave interesting talk on the heel fly and grub experiments conducted for past 5 years.

Dr. M. M. Gow cautioned against scab in our territory.

Report Nominations

B. T. McClave, Chairman, Nomination Committee moved adoption of report as follows.

R. M. McMillin, Carlton, President Mat Jones, Eads, Vice President
 Wm. J. A. Scott, Las Animas, Treasurer Wm. Walker, Springfield Asst. Treas.
 A. S. Dean, Las Animas, Secretary C. W. Sweitzer, Eads, Asst. Secretary
 All of whom should serve as the Executive Committee with M. M. Simpson as Chairman of said Committee.

Motion 2nd by J. O. Scott, Carried.

R. H. Klett gave report of Resolution Committee and moved adoption of following:

Whereas: We the Bent Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association in its 64th Annual Meeting assembled, express our sense of personal loss in the death of Mr. Luke Cahill, one of the oldest and best beloved members, and while we bow submissively to the will of the Almighty, we feel that each member of the Assn. has lost a valued friend, the Assn. has lost a member that was always interested in its welfare, having served as an officer of the Assn. in 1873., and the livestock interests of the entire State has lost the advise and influence of one who was always eager and willing to serve and one of its oldest and beloved members: therefore Be it Resolved: That we extend to the family of Mr. Cahill our deep and

heartfelt sympathy and assure them that we grieve with them in our common loss and Be it Further Resolved: That this resolution be spread upon the minutes of the Association and that a copy be sent to the bereaved family.

H. M. Simpson We, the Bent Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Assn. in appreciation of the consideration given our resolution endorsing H. M. Simpson of McClave as a member of the State Live Stock Inspection Board, therefore:
Be it Resolved: That we are of the opinion that the Governor made no mistake in the selection of Mr. Simpson as a member of the State Live Stock Inspection Board, and that we express our sincere thanks to the Honorable Edwin C. Johnson, Governor of Colorado, for his kind and judicial selection of such member: And Be it Further Resolved: That the Secretary of the Assn. is directed to send copies of this resolution to the Governor of Colorado and spread the same upon the minutes of the Assn.
A. S. Dean, Secretary President

* * * * *

65TH Annual Meeting of Bent-Prowers Cattle & Horse Growers Association held Feb. 22, 1939.

Officers Present

Meeting called to order with the following officers present: Raymond Mc Millin, President, M. E. Jones, Vice-President, Arthur Dean, Secretary; C. W. Sweitzer, Assistant Secretary; Wm. J. A. Scott, Treasurer. Bill Walker Assistant Treasurer.
Roll Call. Reading of minutes by the Secretary. Minutes accepted as read. Reports of President and Secretary. Appointment of Resolutions Committee as follows: H. A. Bailey, Bent; W. H. Hayden, Prowers; Lyle Knox, Baca; J. D. Craighead, Otero, M. E. Mones, Kiowa.

Nominations Committee

The Nominations Committee, appointed by the President, was made up of R. H. Klett, Bent County; William Walker, Baca County; Roy Edgar, Otero County; C. W. Sweitzer, Kiowa County; H. F. Decker, Prowers County. The noon luncheon was held at the Palace Hotel with A. D. Hudnall presiding over the punch bowl.

F. W. Beier Statistician

The first speech was made by F. W. Beier, a Livestock Statistician, and facts set forth were: That there is now the greatest reduction in livestock since 1890. That the peak of 70 million cattle was reached in 1920. That the year 1925-26 was the heavy marketing year. That the highest point reached in 1933 was 68 million cattle, and the largest slaughter in 1934 was 27 million. That the number now on hand is 60,600,000. That 50% of the cattle were in feed lots, based on a year ago, with a good demand for stockers and feeders. That based on past consumption, present numbers are insufficient. And that there would be no cattle program unless there was a demand for same.

A. D. Hudnall Paper

A. D. Hudnall prepared a paper, entitled "Things That Happened in the Arkansas Valley", which read as follows: "In 1863, John W. Prowers brought the first herd of cattle to the Arkansas Valley. This herd consisted of 500 cows bought around West Port, Missouri, (now Kansas City), and trailed out over the Santa Fe Trail. In '65 L. A. Allen and Thomas O. Boggs brought a herd in from Cimarron, New Mexico, and located at what was later known as Boggsville, two miles southeast of the present town of Las Animas. Twenty years later the Prowers herd numbered more than twenty thousand head, and during this twenty years a quarter of a million cattle had been brought into this territory. Jones Bros. moved in from Fort Concho, Texas, and established what is known now as the J. J. Ranch. During this time the Holly Cattle Company, located where Holly is today with a larger herd. The OX Cattle Company was located down at the mouth of Gyenus Canyon on the Cimarron. Hall Brothers was located at the Cross L. Ranch, west of the present town of Kenton, Oklahoma. In 1884 the peak of the industry was reached and English Syndicates were formed to buy out American Cattle Ranches and cattle. The Jones Bros. Ranch and cattle were sold for \$625,000, the Holly Company for \$725,000., and the Hall Bros. for \$425,000. The OX Cattle Company, the 101, and Lit outfits were moved to Montana on account of short grass in this country. In '65 when Boggs and Allen came in with their cattle from Cimarron the first school was established at Boggsville with Miss Anna Smith as teacher. The next teacher was the late P. G. Scott. At that time this was all Kansas Territory and the district was known as Greenwood County. In 1878 John W. Prowers brought the first carload of barbed wire into this part part of the country and he enclosed a hundred thousand acres of government land on the north

- side of the Arkansas River for the purpose of making a pasture for holding his his steers in the fall of the year until they could be marketed. The first English Syndicate that bought out Jones Brothers shipped enough steers to market to pay a dividend of 35 per cent." Following the reading of this paper, the Assembly rose to pay respects to A. D. Hudnall and Arthur Dodge. Both of whom had been honorary members of long standing. Then A. C. Allen, of the Extension Service expressed thanks to the Association for its aid in the cattle program. And J. J. Jackson, Secretary of the Production Credit Association explained the policies of that Association. R. M. Gow, State Veterinarian, spoke on "Mange", advising that if the State would not require dipping to rid Southeastern Colorado of Mange, the Federal authorities would take it in hand. Then H. F. Decker suggested that the State should take this action. And A. C. Mitchell expressed the opinion that by unified dipping throughout the territory, this section could be made clean and free from mange.
- Respects to
A. D. Hudnall
and Arthur Dodge
A. C. Allen
J. J. Jackson
R. M. Gow
- Harry Beirne
Dr. Townsend
- Harry Beirne, Inspector under R. M. Gow, reported 46 herds known to be infected in 5 counties, and that out of the 16 infected south of Lamar, all are clean after 2 dippings, which is proof that it can be cured. Dr. Townsend of Kansas, Government Veterinarian, announced the meeting of the Kansas Association at Wichita on March 6: -7-8, 1935, and extended an invitation to members of our Association.
- Dr. J. O.
Wilson
- Dr. J. O. Wilson, Federal Veterinarian announced that dipping in this territory would be a necessity.
- H. F. Decker
Report of
Nominations
- H. F. Decker made a committee report on nominations as follows: Raymond McMillin for President, M. E. Jones for Vice President, Arthur Dean for Secretary, C. W. Sweitzer for Assistant Secretary, Wm. J. A. Scott for Treasurer and William Walker for Assistant Treasurer. Mr. Decker then made a motion for the adoption of the Committee's Report, which was seconded by A.O. Ross. The motion was placed before the convention, and carried, and the officers nominated were declared elected to office for the year 1935.
- J. D. Craighead
- J. D. Craighead made a report of the Committee on Resolutions, and moved that the Resolutions be adopted. The motion was seconded by William Walker and carried, for the adoption of the following resolutions:
- Herd Law
1. Whereas, the livestock industry of Colorado has pioneered a great part of our State, opening up the country for the benefit of all; said industry should be allowed to survive, and
Whereas, in order to utilize much of the rough range country at all, livestock must be allowed to rely on themselves and
Whereas, a herd law that would change the method of handling our livestock would cause the abandoning of much of this range land, therefore,
Be It Resolved: That The Bent Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association go on record as being opposed to any herd law in our State.
- Tax
2. Whereas, at a meeting of the Colorado Tax Commission and the County Assessors of Colorado it was agreed that the Assessment of livestock for the year 1935 should remain the same as that of 1934, therefore,
Be it Resolved by this Association that we commend the action of the Colo. Tax Commission and County Assessors, and heartily endorse the values placed upon the livestock for assessment purposes at their meeting.
- Freight rates
3. Whereas: it has come to the attention of the Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association that a reduction was made in freight rates by the various Railroad Companies serving this territory during the past year, benefiting the drouth stricken counties of Southeastern Counties, and
Whereas, numerous stockmen have availed themselves of the opportunity of wintering livestock in the wheat plains of Kansas and other territories. furnishing pasture for livestock, We the Bent-Prowers Cattle & Horse Growers Association commend the railroads for their reductions in freight rates rendering a service to the drouth stricken counties, and recommend that the railroads continue such service as long as the same is needed in the drouth stricken areas.
- Pres. McMillin
4. Whereas, the President of our Association has been very active in advancing the business of the Association and has taken much valuable time and expended considerable of his private funds for our benefit, and
Therefore, Be It Resolved: That we, The Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association, in appreciation of the fine service and untiring

efforts in behalf of the Association by our President, Raymond McMillin, hereby extend a vote of thanks to him and that the Treasurer be authorized to recompense him for such aspen as the treasury is able to bear.

Land Leases

5. Whereas, the livestock industry has experienced and is now experiencing, one of the most adverse periods in its history, and
Whereas: The cost of production on both cattle and sheep is higher than gross returns before even depreciation of the herd is charged off, and
Whereas, operating costs, such as labor, commissary, range and all handling charges have been pared to the point where producers are operating at the expense of their plants.
Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved: That the Bent Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association respectfully submit to the State Board of Land Commissioners of the State of Colorado, the following proposals for the administration of State land:

1. That rental charges be reduced to a minimum per acre.

2. That this reduction be made retro-active to Jan. 1, 1934. A motion was made by N. N. McLean, seconded by J. D. Craighead, and carried, that an addition be made to this resolution, as follows:

Be it Further Resolved: That the State Board of Land Commissioners be commended for the reduction and for the personal consideration extended to the members of the Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association

Cattle Program

6. Whereas, the Jones-Connelly Act made possible the purchase of cattle, sheep and goats under the supervision of the United States Department of Agriculture through the Cattle and Sheep Section of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration ;
Whereas, the Act made possible the sale to the Federal Government more than 8,000,000 cattle, 4,000,000 aged ewes and 250,000 female angora goats, Whereas, this program has taken out of production most of our surplus and inferior cattle and sheep, thereby improving our herds of cattle and sheep, And Whereas, this plan of relief and aid was the first definite measure to provide direct aid to the livestock industry in emergency drouth areas in time of distress;

Therefore, Be It Resolved, That we approve of this plan and express our great appreciation of the services rendered to the livestock industry as a whole, and first give credit to the Agricultural Adjustment Administration which made the program possible; Second, we recognize and appreciate the services and cooperation of the Veterinarians assigned to carrying out the Bureau of Animal Industry part of this program; also, the services of the Extension Service of our State, the services of their county agents, and the services of the stockmen appointed to serve as appraisers and advisors in carrying out the program of relief.

Arthur Dodge

7. Be it Resolved: That we extend to one of our oldest members, Arthur Dodge of Granada, Colorado, our most sincere sympathy in his illness and that, we send to him our desire for a speedy recovery, and in appreciation of his services to the Association and his faithfulness in attendance of the meeting, that we send him some flowers to cheer him along at this time.

Finance Comm.

8. Recommend that the Association devise some means of raising additional funds for the purpose of conducting the business and affairs of the Association and also recommend that the President appoint a permanent finance committee to raise needed funds that the Association may carry on.

Treas. report

Wm. J. A. Scott, Treasurer, made a report of finances for the past year, with various collections and expenditures, leaving a balance on Feb. 22, 1935 of \$87.06. The motion was made, seconded, and carried, that the report be accepted.

Secy. Salary

J. D. Craighead made a motion, which was seconded and carried, whereby the Secretary of the Association is to receive a salary of \$50.00.

Calf Donations

The following donated either a calf, or a portion of a calf, to be sold at the 66th Annual Meeting of the Association at Las Animas, Colo.: J. D. Craighead of La Junta, purebred bull calf, B. T. McClave of McClave, purebred bull calf, Matt Jones of Eads, H. F. Decker of Holly, R. M. McMillin of Carlton, William Walker of Lamar, Henry Manifer of Las Animas, L. L. Knox of Springfield, Trostel Brothers of Caddoa, Donald McMillin of Lamar, L. R. Riley of Lamar, Harry Cline of Holly, Roy Edgar, Rocky Ford, W.H. Henderson of Kit Carson, and A. O. Ross of Deora.

Membership & Finance Comm. A motion was made by L. L. Knox, seconded by H. F. Decker, and carried, that the membership and finance committee consist of one member in each county, to appoint as many as needed to cover all parts of his county. And Appointments were made as follows: H. A. Manifor for Bent County, J. D. Craighead for Otero County, William Walker for Baca County, Matt Jones for Kiowa County and H. F. Decker for Prowers County.

Sale of Calves Judge Herman A. Bailey, J. D. Craighead, and B. T. McClave recommended that the Membership and Finance Committee arrange for the sale of the calves donated for the next meeting.

R. M. McMillin, Pres.

A. S. Dean, Secretary

* * * * *

66th Annual Meeting

February 22, 1936

Opening Meeting called to order by President, Raymond McMillin, at 11:00 A. M, with about 100 present.

Dr. Davis Telegram Chas. E. Collins Resolutions Committee Dr. Davis read a telegram from Secy. Molin, referring to processing tax. Chas. E. Collins, Ex-Pres. of the American National Stock Growers Assn., told of the activities of that organization, and also explained the proposed Argentine Treaty and the results of the Canadian Treaty. The following Resolutions Committee was appointed: H. A. Bailey, Chairman, Bent County Chairman; T. Elden Allen, Baca County; H. F. Decker, Prowers County; P. O. Meyer, Kiowa County; Wm. Phillips, Otero County; A. O. Ross, Las Animas County.

Fred M. Betz Lunch Sale Fred M. Betz explained the activities of the Rural Resettlement Administration and its benefits to the range in Southeastern Colorado. He also explained the probable benefits from the study of Land Utilization Program. Recess at 12:15 for lunch at Palace Hotel. The punch bowl was in action; with Andy Udick serving with the good cheers of A. D. Hudnall and Chet Blake, as hosts. The sale began at 1:45, where the following animal donations were sold;

Craighead bull, bought by John Beatty	\$160.00
McMillin Calf, bought by Martin Packing Co.	60.00
McClave bull, bought by M. M. Simpson	145.00
A. O. Ross Calf, bought by Gettle & Walker	20.00
M. E. Jones calf, bought by Harold Best	20.00
Sniff Bros, calf bought by Gettle and Walker	22.00
Harry Cline Calf, bought by Neil Davidson	25.00
Donald McMillin calf bought by Neil Davidson	19.00
Trostel Bros calf, bought by Gettle & Walker	17.00
Roy Edgar calf, bought by E. L. Etchison	20.00
H. F. Decker calf, bought by Neil Davidson	19.50
	<u>\$527.50</u>

President McMillin On meeting in the Court Room in Las Animas, President McMillin reported his attendance at the different tax meetings, the District Assessors' meetings, wherein results were shown on taxation of livestock. Conferences with the Governor and The State Land Board resulted in savings to our membership upon State land leases during the drouth. He stressed the advisability of our Association's being represented at the Fort Collins meeting in June 1936. Upon finishing his report, by motion duly passed, a vote of thanks was extended to President McMillin; and the Treasurer was authorized to partially reimburse him for his expenses in the sum of \$50.00, and also to reimburse him for expense of publication of notices while efforts were being made to stop the theft of cattle in Southeastern Colorado.

Treasurer's Report Blake & Hudnall Arthur Dodge Wm. J. A. Scott, Treasurer, reported receipts and disbursements for the year, showing a balance on hand Feb. 22nd, 1936 of \$69.54, which report, by motion duly passed, was accepted. Chet Blake, pal of, and associate of, Dick Hudnall, both representing Kansas City Stock Yards, were extended a vote of thanks for their hospitality. A tribute was paid to Arthur Dodge, our old-time member, who was unable to attend.

M. E. Strain M. E. Strain, Representative of Prowers County, Colorado, explained the laws

with reference to land-fencing, as well as highway fencing.

Nominating Committee

Nominating Committee was made up of the following: B. T. McClave, Bent County; J. D. Craighead, Otero County; John Wertz, Baca County; W. H. Albright, Kiowa County; Fred Clark, Prowers; Bent King, Las Animas County. In making their report, the following officers were suggested for the coming year: President, Raymond McMillin; Vice President, Matt Jones, Treasurer, Wm. J. A. Scott, Assistant Treasurer; Bill Walker, Secretary, Arthur Dean, Assistant Secretary, C. W. Sweitzer. Upon motion of B. T. McClave, Seconded by J. D. Craighead, the report of the committee was accepted and the above named officers were declared elected.

Election of Officers

J. H. Jackson, Secretary of La Junta Production Credit Corporation, explained the activities and the opportunities offered stock growers who have occasion to need financial assistance.

E. S. Rule

E. S. Rule, ranch owner in the lower Valley, who lives at Wichita, Kansas, paid tribute to our organization and cited benefits he has received, as a member.

L. A. Edmundson

L. A. Edmundson, Vice-President of the State Association, reported the activities of that Association and extended his appreciation which our organization has given to them.

Dr. Gow.

Dr. Gow, State Veterinarian, told of the beneficial results of dipping in the quarantine area. He advised, as a protection to this clean territory, that a thorough inspection and dipping of cattle coming into the area, would be maintained. Dr. Davis and others expressed this a sound policy.

Calf Donations

The following made calf donations for next year's sale: Dick Klett, M. S. Dean, W. H. Hayden, James Scott, Fred Clark, Levi Dumbauld, D. L. Wertz, Wm. Walker, L. R. Riley, Henry Manifor.

Dr. Davis on State Assn.

Dr. Davis reported the further activities of the State Association, mentioning the need for supervision sale rings and stock trucks, so as to prevent theft of cattle. He advised that the Courtesy Patrol, together with local officers, had become familiar with the laws, and gave assurance of their lending support.

Resolutions

The resolutions committee, heretofore mentioned, presented the following resolutions, which were adopted:

Argentine

1. Franklin D. Roosevelt, President
White House, Washington, D. D.

Today's 66 Annual Convention assembled, we are on record by resolution unanimously adopted opposing any plan that provides for a processing tax or any other tax on cattle or dressed beef or the products thereof for the direct or indirect benefit of agriculture at the expense of the beef cattle industry including feeding. Stop. With an ample supply beef cattle on hand, we are apposed to any plan that would put submarginal agricultural lands into grass production for the purpose of increasing beef cattle production.

Signed (Chairman, President, Secy.)

Courtesy Patrol

2. Resolved that we hereby express our desire to cooperate with the Highway Patrol, and its officers, and respectfully request the members of our State Board of Livestock Inspection Commissioners to cooperate with the Highway Patrol officers and members in an effort to support and enforce our brand inspection, and all other state laws concerning the movement of branded livestock intrastate and interstate, believing law enforcement and proper cooperation with the Highway Patrol, State and County law enforcement officers, together with our Brand Inspection personnel, will greatly aid in the arrest, conviction and elimination of so-called livestock thieves. And we recommend to the officers of this Association that they employ an attorney and/or Investigator for the purpose of assisting in the prosecution of any livestock stolen from members of this Association.

Taxation

3. Resolved that the County Assessors of the State when meeting in Regional Conference to determine and fix values for the year 1936, we respectfully request and urge that the average value recommended shall not exceed an increase of 20% on range cattle, returned for year 1936, which, in our opinion, would fix the value at an average of about \$15.00

Scab

4. Whereas, Certain herds of cattle were reported and found upon examination to be effected with scab that ranged or pastured in our vicinity, and Whereas, The Board of Livestock Inspection Commissioners in cooperation with the United States Bureau of Animal Industry outlined a plan that required the dipping of all cattle in the infected and exposed area under State or Federal supervision.

Therefore, Be It Resolved: That as a result of this general dipping with the exception of a few isolated herds found upon re-inspection to be infected, the disease has been practically eradicated in the quarenteen areas. Be it Further Resolved: That we desire to commend the services of the veterinarians under the supervision of Dr. Francis and Dr. Gow our State sanitary officer and member of the Livestock Board for their good work for the services they have rendered in cooperation with our livestock raisers in freeing our herds from mange. We appreciate their help, advise and counsel and request that good work already accomplished be earnestly continued until our herds and the area involved is completely free of this cattle disease. We pledge our willing support in an endeavor to continue the work until our herds are declared free when we will expect and demand that the quarenteen be raised and that only lical quarenteens be used thereafter for infected or exposed cattle in prevehing the spread of cattle scab to free cattle.

Rehabilitation
& resettlement

5. Whereas, many years of experience have demonstrated that much of the lands lying in the low rainfall belt are best suitable for grazing and the growing of livestock.

Be It Resolved: That we are heartily in favor of the movement to again these lands in the hands of the Government to be managed in such a manner so as to re-seed the native grasses on the land and obtain the best results as pasture for the community as a whole.

Caddoa Dam

6. Whereas, at a meeting of the Arkansas Valley Association assembled in Convention at Fort Smith, Arkansas wherein it was the concensus of opinion that the construction of reservoirs on the Arkansas River, outlined in the House of Representatives Document #2. 74th Congress, would alleviate the distress encountered by the people of the Mississippi Valley, and materially assist in increased irrigation in the Arkansas Valley of Colo. and would be conducive to the livestock industry.

Be it Resolved: That we, The Bent-Prowers Horse and Cattle Growers Association heartily approve of the efforts in this behalf that the request that they diligently apply their most aggressive efforts to the end that the relief desired be accomplished.

A. D. Hudnall

Be It Resolved: That we extend to one of our oldest members, A. D. Hudnall of Las Animas, Colorado our most sincere sympathy in his illness and that we send to him our desire for a speedy recovery and in appreciation of his services to the Association and his faithfulness in attendance of the meetings, and that we send flowers to cheer him along at this time.

Neil McLean

8. We the Bent-Prowers Horse & Cattle Growers Association in the 66th annual meeting assembled express our sense of personal loss in the death of Neil McLean, one of the oldest and best beloved members, and while we bow in submission to the will of the Almighty, we feel that each member of the Association has lost a valued friend. The Association has lost a member who was always interested in its welfare, and who attended its meetings regularly since 188 and was always willing to serve.

Therefore Be It Resolved: That we express to the family of Mr. McLean our deep and heartfelt sympathy and assure them that we grieve with them in our common loss. That this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this Association and that a copy be sent to the bereaved family.

J. Martin Ford

9. Whereas, one who had been long a member of this Association, J. Martin Ford, has been called to the great round up. Who for more than 50 years lived on the Cimarron River in Baca County and who at the time of his death was the owner of 3,000 head of cattle.

Be it Resolved: That we express to the family of Mr. Ford our deep and heartfelt sympathy in our common loss.

That this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this Association and that a copy be sent to the bereaved family.

Attendance
Las Animas

Those in attendance at the Palace Hotel Luncheon:

Henry Manifor, Casto Dunavin, Geo. B. Wick, H. Horbin Clark, Ray J. Blackburn, L. Dumbauld, L. C. Coffelt, Fred W. Stough, D. A. Storm, Geo. S. Miller, E. L. Etchison, N.J. Davidson, J. F. Deown, E. E. Krous, Angus

McIntosh, Wilson R. Brown, John W. Rawlings, J. W. Kirkpatrick, A. F. Udick, Arthur Dean, LeRoy Boyd, Wm. J. A. Scott, Marshall Dean, Arthur M. Wimmell. Allyn Cole, Albert Payne, J. S. Hast, S. Fred Clark, J. R. Smith, Fred M. Betz, John W. Duncan, Morgan Thompson, A. C. Mitchell, L. R. Riley, W. A. Denman, Frank Gettle, Jim Hall, J. O. Scott, S. W. Beggs, Jim McMillin, Donald C. McMillin, Oscar Felton, Jim McGlothlin, Marion Strain, M. E. Jones.

La Junta J. H. Jackson, Harold Best, H. E. Jones, J. D. Craighead, W. M. Phillips
T. H. Brady, W. H. Sniff
Denver B. F. Davis, R. M. Gow, A. H. Francis, Eugene Smith, W. C. Wilson
Eads Chas. W. McIlvane, C. W. Sweitzer, J. M. Bridges, E. W. Bridges
Pueblo L. A. Edmundson, E. S. Edmundson, D. A. Locklin, A. S. Edmundson
Rocky Ford Roy Edgar, Lyman R. Edgar, W. W. Blackford, E. Heiny
Springfield T. Eldon Allen, D. L. Wertz, Chas. L. Knox, Bill Walker
Caddoa Emmett L. Sniff, Fred B. Trostel, R. H. Klett, Orval C. Sniff
McClave M. M. Simpson, R. N. Bishop, J. M. Cochran, B. T. McClave
Granada R. H. Hayden, Don Hoffman, W. H. Hayden, J. J. Dodge
Wiley W. E. Barton, R. M. McShane, Avery Harper
Holly H. F. Decker, H. B. Cline
Bristol C. H. Ellis, Ed Smith
Lanzanola John C. Vroman, Jr. John W. Beatty
Hasty Robt. L. Stephens, R. L. Stephens
Deora Bent King, A. O. Ross
Kit Carson Chas. E. Collins, W. H. Henderson
Arlington Ernest Johnston, Norris Anderson
Sheridan Lake W. H. Albright, P. O. Meyer
Miscellan Shorty Chronister of Chevington, Colo; R. E. Sellers of Alamosa, Colo; C. W. Blake of Kansas City, Mo.; A. F. Wenger of Galatea, Colo; J. L. Hohnser of Amity, Colo; H. A. Russell of Cheney Center, Colo.; Virgil Hull of Arapahoe, Colo; Elbert S. Rule of Wichita Kans. E. A. Brown of Flagstaff, Arizona.

* * * * *

67th Annual Meeting

February 22, 1937

Opening The meeting was called to order by the president Raymond McMillin, at 11:08 A. M., with about one hundred stockmen present. The minutes of the last meeting were read by the Secretary, Arthur Dean. Motion made for their approval by A. F. Wenger, seconded by H. F. Decker, and carried. Mr. Dean then made his report as secretary of the Assn., and was followed by Matt Jones' report as Vice-President.

Treas. Report Wm. J. A. Scott made his Treasurer's report, crediting the balance on hand at the beginning of the year, dues collected and proceeds of the 1936 calf sale, and deducting the bills paid, leaving a balance of \$345.98 in the Treasury. President McMillin took the floor, opening his remarks by complimenting Las Animas on the spirit of welcome extended to members of the Association, and following this with a detailed report of his attendance at various meetings during the year, including the Convention at Steamboat Springs. Mr. McMillin closed his report by calling attention to three bills in the State Legislature, which should be noted in interest of Our Association: namely, (1) The Colorado Grazing Act. (2) H. B. 739 authorizing the County to take title to tax delinquent lands, (3) H. B. 258 creating Soil Erosion Districts.

President McMillin M. M. Simpson, called upon to present problems of the livestock industry, declared that the greatest question facing stockmen now, is a way by which motorized cattle-rustling could be stopped. This veteran cattleman urged each member to do all in his power toward apprehending and convicting cattle thieves. He further pointed out that the cooperation of sheriffs and the Courtesy Patrol was insufficient for controlling; that more good inspectors would help, and since Civil Service hinders appointment of these, we should urge qualified men acquainted with cattle, to take the examination. To B. T. McClaves question regarding the number of inspectors, Mr. Simpson replied that tho these were too few, they were all that could be employed. Neil Davidson suggested that complete sale records be kept, and proposed that post card notices be mailed to owners of registered brands when inspection was made, where the owner was not present. And Roy Edgar reported that such a record was attempted at the sale ring in La Junta. After this, President McMillin announced the appointment of the Resolutions Committee as follows: Henry A. Manifor of Bent County, Chairman; C. A. Wood and A. F. Wenger of Kiowa County; H. F. Decker of Prowers County;

T. Eldon Allen of Baca County; and C. C. Whitlock of Otero County. Then the meeting adjourned for lunch at the Palace Hotel (12:15 Noon) where seventy-eight cattlemen enjoyed a roast-beef dinner.

Dinner

Calf Sale

Immediately following the lunch-hour, came the calf sale, held in the stock yards east of the Court House, from which the net proceeds totaled \$140.00. Calves were donated and purchased as follows: Martin Tanner calf purchased by Dan Gates for \$36.00 Angus McIntish calf purchased by J. D. Craighead for \$35.00 Marshall Dean calf purchased by Raymond McMillin for \$25. Those donating \$20. as the equivalent of a calf were: L. R. Riley, R. H. Klett, & Neil Davidson. After this sale it was reported that 10 calves had already been donated for the 1938 calf sale of the Association.

Afternoon Session

The afternoon session opened with the showing of 1600 feet of film illustrating the damage done by various forms of soil erosion.

Kenneth Chalmers

This was presented by Kenneth Chalmers of Colorado Springs, who explained the wisdom of present conservation for future welfare in connection with the value of soil, highways, bridges, and property.

Chet Blake

Chet Blake, of the Kansas City Stock Yards, pointed out the necessity for cattlemen and sheepmen to unite in the protection of the interests of the livestock industry, in saving lost efforts and obtaining best results for all.

H. C. Jones

H. C. Jones of the La Junta Production Credit Association, explained the activities of his organization, serving 11 counties in this territory, and its benefits to the Producer.

Calf Donation for 1938 sale

The calf donations definitely listed, for the sale of 1938, are as follows: Mel Simpson, James Dodge, Aaron Hasser, Sniff Bros, C. A. Wood, John Nolan, Henry Manifor.

Brand Proposed

It was proposed that the Association obtain a brand, so these men could use it on the animals donated.

J. J. Marsh

J. J. Marsh, head of the Colorado Highway Patrol, spoke to the cattlemen on mutual problems--explaining the Patrols' duties, of (1) enforcement of vehicle code (2) collection of motor fuel tax, (3) enforcement and collection of public utilities tax; and extended to cover service to the stockmen in an effort to stop stock-rustling. He advised that butchering in pastures required help from owners; but if clues of this were found, and the owners so desired, they should feel free to call upon himself, Mr. Welch, or other patrolmen. Mr. Simpson expressed appreciation for aid and cooperation on the part of the patrolmen. The latter part of the afternoon session was given over to a general discussion of cattle-rustling.

Al Tichenor

Al Tichenor, State Brand Inspector approved Mr. Simpson's proposal of a uniform clearance for truckers such as required by the railroads, and further advocated additional work and care on the part of every cattleman.

J. R. Smith

J. R. Smith, upon Simpson's suggestion, explained the card system used in Sales Rings, showing where the cattle came from, who purchased them, and where they were taken. Al Tichenor explained inspection, showing duplication of brands. Wm. Walker called attention to the weakness of bills of sale, and suggested that owners be notified by card when cattle are inspected. His suggestion was approved by Neil Davidson.

W. H. Hayden

W. H. Hayden reported a loss of 26 head of cattle through theft, and stated that such losses might make it necessary to discontinue activity in the livestock industry.

Theft Committee

Motion was made by M. M. Simpson for the appointment of five members to work on the cattle theft problem and report their findings to the Assn. The motion was seconded by Matt Jones, and Carried. Nominations were made of Matt Jones, Chairman; Henry Manifor, Bent Co.; Wm. Walker, Baca Co.; C. A. Wood, Kiowa County; W. H. Hayden, Prowers Co. Motion was made by M. M. Simpson and seconded by Fred Clark, that nominations cease, and the above were declared suitable for appointment.

I. R. Romer

I. R. Romer made a statement that fault cannot be laid with inspectors, officers, or the Assn.; and that cattle theft is a problem to be dealt with by each individual member in cooperation with the above aids. Henry Manifor, as Chairman made a report on Resolutions drawn up by the Committee, as follows: Deaths 1. Whereas, death has taken five of our eminent gentlemen and mem-

Manifor on Resolutions

bers of this widely known Association of stockmen of the West, to-wit: A. C. Johnson, Denver, Colo; Arthur Dodge, Granada, Colorado; Jesse Tanner, Lamar, Colorado; Harold Best, La Junta, Colorado; and Dick Hudnall, Las Animas, Colorado. Arthur Dodge and Dick Hudnall, being honorary members of this Association, and

Whereas, we feel deeply the loss of these friends and co-workers. Therefore be it Resolved that we do express our extreme regret at their passing and here record our sincere gratitude for having known them and be it further Resolved: That a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this Association, and a copy sent to each of the bereaved families.

Illness of
Mrs. McMillin

2. Be it Resolved, by the group assembled at the Sixty-Seventh Annual Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association, in session on this the 22nd day of February, 1937,

Whereas, it has been called to our attention that Mrs. McMillin, widow of our late dearly beloved member and passed President, M. J. McMillin and mother of our present President, Raymond McMillin, is seriously ill, Therefore, be it further resolved that all extend to our President, Raymond McMillin, and the family of Mrs. M. J. McMillin, our most sincere sympathy in her illness, and that we send to her our desire for a speedy recovery.

Be it further Resolved: That this Association send flowers to Mrs. McMillin as a token of our esteem.

Taxation

3. Whereas, a great deal of pressure is being used to raise the assessed valuation of livestock at this time,

Now, therefore, we the members of the resolutions committee of the Bent-Prowers Counties Cattle & Horse Growers Association appeal to our State Tax Commission that no increase in levy or assessed valuation be made in this drouth area.

Therefore, be it Resolved: That a member of this Association defend us at the meeting of the Tax Commission to be held in this District, on the 5th day of March, 1937, at Pueblo, Colorado.

Inspectors

4. Whereas, the transportation of livestock by truck is increasing to a great extent in this locality and that much complaint is being made of moving livestock without property authority or bills of sale. Therefore, be it Resolved that this Association favor additional inspectors if they be needed to protect the interests of our livestock men in this Association, and also ask that our Board of Livestock Commissioners cooperate to the fullest extent in financing additional inspectors, if and where needed.

Marketing

5. Whereas, it appears to this Association that a great deal of publicity has been made in behalf of Direct Marketing of livestock and very little in behalf of our regular marketing channels,

Therefore, Be it Resolved: That this Association go on record as opposed to any direct marketing system. It is further resolved that this Association will endeavor to recommend marketing our livestock through our regular marketing system now set up by our Commission firms.

Further, Be it Resolved: That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the National Livestock Association, at Chicago, Ill.

Hospitality

6. Whereas, the Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association, assembled in their 67th Annual Convention in Las Animas, this 22nd day of February, 1937,

And Whereas, as we feel greatly indebted to the City of Las Animas and others who so loyally helped entertain us,

Now Therefore, Be it resolved that this Association extend a vote of thanks to our President, Mr. McMillin, and other officers of this Association, and to Mrs. Thomas of the Palace Hotel for the well prepared luncheon, and especially do we want to thank our refreshment committee composed of our good friends, Mr. Chet Blake & A. F. Udick and all others who might have been responsible for their wonderful hospitality.

Grazing rentals

7. Whereas, the present ruling, providing that a minimum charge of 8¢ per acre be made for the rental of State grazing land regardless of range or pasture conditions, does not have a determining factor, and Whereas, drouth conditions have existed in Southeastern Colorado for the past several years,

Therefore, be it Resolved: That we, the Bent Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association, appeal for relief from this ruling, so that at such time as drouth conditions do exist, causing a shortage of pasture, a

corresponding reduction can be made in the yearly rentals.

- Courtesy Patrol** 8. Whereas, The Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association, assembled in its 67th annual meeting on this 22nd day of February, 1937 And whereas, the Courtesy Patrol, while in the conduction of its duties as outlined by the statute, has given attention to the transportation of livestock by truck, with beneficial results, Now therefore, the thanks and appreciation of this Association is extended to the Commission, to State Supervisor Joe Marsh, to District Supervisor Welch, and to each of the patrolmen operating in our District. And now, therefore, we request that such additional patrolmen be assigned to the Courtesy Patrol as would be necessary to attend to the collection of licenses, enforcement of highway rules, inspection of public utilities, and the establishment of ports of entry, which if done, will greatly assist the livestock industry in the hindering of livestock theft. Motion for the adoption of these resolutions was made by Matt Jones, seconded by H. A. Manifor, and carried. Then the motion was made, seconded and carried, that President Raymond McMillin be partially reimbursed for his expenses during the past year, incurred while acting on behalf of our Association. Motion was made by Mel Simpson, seconded by Henry Manifor, and carried, that payment be made of the Secretary's salary, the dues payable to the Colorado Stock Growers Assn. and the American National Livestock Association, as well as all other unpaid accounts of the organization
- Finances**
- Election of Officers** Members of the Association objected to the appointment of a nomination Committee, and insisted upon the reelection of officers now serving, namely: Raymond McMillin as President, Matt Jones as Vice-President, Arthur S. Dean as Secretary, Chas. Sweitzer as Assistant Secretary, Wm. J. A. Scott as Treasurer, Wm. Walker as Assistant Treasurer.
- A. J. Harman** Other speakers of the late afternoon were A. J. Hammon who spoke on the
Dr. R. M. Gow new federal range and farm practices program; and Dr. R. M. Gow, who stressed the importance of keeping Colorado herds free from mange and scabbies, of which there is only one known case in this entire district at the time of writing. At six o'clock P. M., upon the motion of Al Wenger, seconded by R. H. Klett, and carried by the Assembly, the Bent Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association adjourned its 65th Annual Meeting, held in the County Court House, Las Animas, Colo.
- Adjournment**
- Attendance** Those who were present to enjoy the noonday luncheon were as follows: From Lamar: J. R. Smith, Bud Tanner, L. R. Riley, Fred Clark, M. E. Jones, John Nolan, W. C. Wilson, A. J. Hamman, Gale Lee, Otto Hassar, D. C. McMillin, Aaron J. Hassar, Dwight Clark, W. A. Denman, Coy Barnard, Herb Toliver. From Caddoa: Fred Trostel, George Trostel, Katherine Tiedt, Carl Tiedt, R. H. Klett. From McClave: M. M. Simpson, B. T. McClave. From Springfield: D. C. Goodrich, Bill Walker. From Holly: R. Romer, H. F. Decker, From Granada: W. H. Hayden, J. J. Dodge, R. H. Hayden From Bristol: C. H. Ellis, Billy Wilson. From Eads: Geo. Barton, Kelly Jackson, C. W. Sweitzer, C. A. Wood, Chas. W. McIlvane, Jr. From Wiley: W. E. Barton. From Sheridan Lake, J. E. Cromster. From Carlton: R. M. McMillin. From Galatea: A. F. Wenger; From Kit Carson: W. H. Henderson. From Rocky Ford: Roy Edgar. From La Junta; Claude Whitlock, J. H. Blake, H. C. Jones, T. H. Brady. From Denver: Dr. & Mrs. Gow, A. F. Tichenor. From Wichita, Elbert S. Rule. From Kansas City, Roy Jackson, Chet Blake. From St. Joseph: I. C. Abbott. From Las Animas: Mrs. A. D. Hudnall, Ed Hoffman, O. L. Robinson, Geo. S. Miller, Wm. Blake, M. S. Dean, Arthur Wimmell, Angus McIntosh, Jesse E. Dean, Neil Davidson, D. A. Storm, H. H. Clark, Arthur Dean, John L. Anderson, F. W. Stough, Stanley Ricketts, W. J. A. Scott, R. B. McDermott, Casto Dunavin, Andy Udick, Henry Manifor.

* * * * *

68th Annual Meeting

- Opening** The meeting was called to order by the President, Raymond McMillin, at 10:45 A. M., with about two hundred stockmen present. The minutes were read by acting Secretary, Herman Bailey. Arthur Dean the Secretary was out of the city. Minutes were approved as read. Wm. J. A. Scott made his
- Treas. report** Treasurers report, crediting the balance on hand at the beginning of the year, dues collected, and proceeds of 1937 calf sale and deducting the bills paid, leaving a balance of \$286.45 on hand February 22, 1938 in the Treasury.

Pres.
McMillin

President Raymond McMillin gave a very lengthy and interesting report in which he stated that numerous contacts had been with the National Livestock organization and that he had made several trips to Denver, Kansas City in interest of Livestock industry of this Association. At the conclusion of which he was applauded by the members for such efforts. The following were appointed by the President, Dick Klett, Chairman--Bent, Fred Clark--Prowers, James McLaughten--Otero, Hugh Jones--Kiowa, T Eldon Allen--Baca, The people of Las Animas being appreciative of the 68th continuous meeting of this organization arranged for and as a part of the meeting a parade in which Bent County High School band, numerous livestock producers and a large part of the membership took part. The parade was led by A. B. Ham. Gov. Teller Ammons, Atty. General, Byron Rogers, followed by the band livestock, and numerous cow hands on horse back. This feature of the meeting was the first parade attempted and was very much enjoyed and appreciated by the Stock Growers. At noon a joint meeting was had with the local Lions Club at the Palace Hotel where more than two hundred attended, this luncheon was presided over by Geo. W. Powell, Pres. of Lions Club and Raymond McMillin, Pres. of Stockgrowers.

Parade

Immediately following the lunch hour came the calf sale, held in stock yards east of Court House, from which the net proceeds totaled \$58. for the Association's Treasury. Claves were donated by M. M. Simpson, Roy Edgar, Smith Brow.

Prior to calf sale Harold Mereness demonstrated and exhibited an educated horse that he had trained. The horse was a large sorrel one of the most beautiful animals seen in the city in years and his performance of tricks and stunts was never excelled by any circus horse.

Meeting was called to order in District Court Room by the President, McMillin, who introduced Gov. Teller Ammons. Roy Best, Warden of State Pen, and Judge E. V. Holland, member of Supreme Court of Colorado. They spoke briefly concerning the livestock industry. A five minute recess was declared by the president and at 4:00 P. M. the meeting was called to order. Mr. Edmondson, John Goss of Pueblo, Ervin Hayner of Rocky Ford addressed the meeting. Dr. B. F. Davis, State Veterinarian spoke at length concerning the disease and loss of livestock in the Arkansas Valley in the past year.

John N. Mabry, District Attorney, for Third Judicial District Gave a very interesting report upon the apprehension and conviction of livestock thefts which report was loudly applauded by the membership. These remarks were followed by an address by Gov. Teller Ammons in which he explained the influence that is often brought to bear upon convicted livestock criminals for pardons.

M. M. Simpson suggested that it was the duty of every livestock owner to report to local officers of any suspicions that may come to their attention.

J. R. Smith, Brand Inspector, gave a report of methods of stock inspection in his district.

Neil Davidson made a motion, which was seconded and carried that a reward of \$25.00 be paid to parties who furnish information of livestock theft where convictions are had.

Mr. Ott, of the Safeway Stores, explained in detail the advertising campaign of his organization to encourage the consumption of more meat.

The resolution committee made the following report which was unanimously voted:

We your Committee on Resolutions wish to thank the City of Las Animas and the Lions Club for Royal hospitality they have shown this Association.

We especially appreciate the interest and cooperation the State officials have given us, the interest they have taken in our organization.

We also want to take this opportunity to thank the State Officials, namely Governor Teller Ammons, Attorney General Byron G. Rogers, Sec. of State George Saunders, Judge E. V. Holland, @ Warden Roy Best and all other State officials, who have helped to make our meeting a success.

Whereas: Sheep, Cattle growers have suffered in depletion in prices, drouth conditions. We, your committee on Resolutions, resolve that we

ask County Assessors and the Colorado State Tax Commission for a flat reduction of 20% on the assessed valuation of range cattle, sheep, also on feeder cattle and feeder lambs.

Whereas: We recommend a copy of this resolution be sent to all County Assessors in the 14 Southeastern Colorado Counties. We recommend a copy of this resolution be sent to the State Board of Land Commissioners.

Whereas there has been a sharp drop in the price of all livestock and whereas the price of dressed meat has not been lowered in proportion to price of live meat, therefore be it Resolved and Bent Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association go on record in favoring an investigation through National Meat Board, to determine a more equal live weight price in proportion to the price of dressed meat. Be it Resolved: A copy of this resolution be sent to the National Meat Board and to our Representatives in Washington.

We, the Bent & Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association in the 68th Annual Meeting assembled express our sense of personal loss in the death of Mrs. M. J. McMillin, Mother of President R. M. McMillin and wife of Past President, M. J. McMillin. Also in the loss of Mrs. Henry Decker, wife of member Henry Decker.

We express our sense of personal loss of two of our members, Mr. Oscar Bogusch of Prowers County, also W. W. Edwards also of Prowers County.

Committee on Resolutions

R. H. Klett, Chairman
H. C. Jones
J. O. McGlothlin
T. Eldon Allen
S. Fred Clark

Motion was made, seconded and carried unanimously that the present officers be re-elected for another year and that we pay our dues to National Association and that the Secretary, Treasurer and President be reimbursed for all their actual expenses in past year.

Those who paid their dues are as follows:

B. T. McClave, Raymond McMillin, N. E. Berry, J. De Wit, J. C. McMillin, Phil Harvey, Grover Mundell, T. E. Allen, Judge E. V. Holland, Gov. Teller Ammons, Roy Best, Kenneth Heizer, Jim Smith, George S. Miller, H. H. Davis, John Mabry, Norris Anderson, Walter Ott, William Walker, M. M. Simpson, A. O. Ross, Henry Decker, Jasper Files, H. A. Bailey, W. J. McMillin, Felix Mundell, R. H. Klett, J. O. McGlothlin, M. E. Jones, Henry Manifer, Mrs. Manifer, Claud Marshall, O. L. Robinson, J. E. Cronisler, V. G. Bear, C. N. Troup, W. M. Bush, Casto Dunavin, R. Romer, Jack Hall, Fred Clark, Billy Wilson, C. W. Sweitzer, N. H. & G. H. Henderson, Ernest Johnson, Donald McMillin, Neil Davidson, Al Wenger, Roy Edgar.

Motion made and carried the meeting adjourned.

Arthur Dean, Secretary

R. M. McMillin, President

ROLL OF MEMBERS AND GUESTS

Anderson, Adolph, Haswell	# Gaston, B. E., Las Animas
Anderson, Geo. & Pearl, Holly	Gillies, J. A., Amarillo
DE Askew, Dorsey A., Towner	40 Goss, J. V., Pueblo
Avara, Oscar & Frank, La Junta	Green, C. A., Las Animas
Abbott, H. C., Las Animas	Gates, Dan, Las Animas
Anderson, John L., Las Animas	Cronister, J. E., Eads
Allen, T. Elden, Springfield	Y Hartley, J. B., Sugar City
Ammons, Teller, Denver	Hasser, Oscar, Lamar
13 Ballard, J. C., Villegreen	Henerson, Paul, Tyrone
Benjamin, Roy, Fowler	47 Hunter, W. W., Arlington
Bennett, S. E. & W. P., Rocky Ford	Hillman, George, Las Animas
24 Berger, J. C., Towner	Hill, Arthur, Morris, Kansas
57 Black, Geo. & Earl, Eads	Hainer, Irving, Rocky Ford
Blackford, W. W. & W. P., La Junta	Hill, John E., Pueblo
T Bridges, J. M. & E. W., Lamar	Hughes, Pete, Pueblo
Barnes, Clarence, Morris Feed Yards	Haughton, Dave, La Junta
Morris, Kansas	Y Ham, A. B., McClave
Bigelow, G. A., Pueblo	Hall, Jack, Lamar
Bourne, W. C., McClave	Hovey, Phil, K.C. Interstate Nat'l Bank
A Beach, C. W., Pueblo	K. C., Mo.
5 Beggs, Dr. S. W., Lamar	Holland, Judge, E. V., Denver
Bourne, Sam, McClave	Heizer, Kenneth, Trinidad
21 Bailey, H. A., Las Animas	45 X Henderson, W. H. & G. H., Kit Carson
Bush, W. A., Las Animas	(H) Hughes, H. E., La Junta
Blackburn, Ray J., Las Animas	47 SC Johnston, Ernest, Arlington
1 Bear, U. G., Caddoa	Jones, Harry P., R 2, La Junta
Berry, N. E.,	48 X Jones, M. E., Lamar
Best, Roy, Canon City	Jones, Ed, Holly
4 Baldwin Bros., Hasty	Jolton, Jerry, Lamar
Bentley, J. M., La Junta	Kalra, John, Bristol
Cain, Frank P., Lamar	King, Bent, Deora
Cannon, V. E., Olney Springs	Kniffen, Tim, Hasty
6 Craighead, J. D., La Junta	Kaspar, Frank, Rocky Ford
Carver, Leon, Wiley	47 F Kinsley, Harry, Las Animas
Coffelt, L. C., Las Animas	Kinsley, Lester, Las Animas
Carroll, Earl, Springfield	Klusman, Dan, Las Animas
Cooper, W. E., Las Animas	Klett, R. H. Las Animas
Camden, J. H., Olney Springs	L-M Legg, Myrl, Eads
Dabney, John, Tobe	Like, Frances, Troy
30 Darnell, Joe H., Brandon	Long, George, Wiley
22 Duncan, John W., Lamar	47 H Lewis, R. P., La Junta
Dolan, G. B., Pueblo	Lane, Walter, Caddoa
Dean, Marshall, Las Animas	Lee, Gale A., Lamar
Deahl Bros., La Junta	Leighton, Elton, Lamar
Dunavin, Casto, Las Animas	41 Lawson, Luke, Las Animas
E Davidson, N. J., Las Animas	100 Meier, Carl A., Haswell
Davidson, J. C., Las Animas	MOLE Moore, A. J., Kim
Dean, Arthur S., Las Animas	- O - Morrow, Samuel K., La Junta
ED Dwyer, John, Las Animas	Murray, James, Deora
34 Dumbauld, Jr., Levi, Las Animas	Maxwell, Stanley, Lamar
Decker, H. F., Holly	Miller, Dr. C. R., Fort Lyon
4 Davis, H. H., Springfield	Manifor, Henry, Las Animas
Eddleman, Ernest, Lamar	Manifor, Mary, Las Animas
Edgar, Lymon, Rocky Ford	47 Mundell, Grover, Elaine
Esgar, A. F., Wiley	Mabry, John, Trinidad
Etchart, John J., Las Animas	0 Mundell, Felix, Bartlett
4 Edgar, Roy, Rocky Ford	Marshall, Claud, La Junta
47 Ferree, Ray, Arlington	Mendenhall, H. B., Rocky Ford
Frazee, W. F., Galatea	McCabe, Raymond A., Ordway
4 Freese, Violet, La Junta	McDowell, H. K., Brandon
4 Farthing, Mary, La Junta	43 McEndree, J. T., Springfield
Fox, Bob, Lamar	McDermott, H. F., Caddoa
9 Files, Jasper, Caddoa	McClave, George, McClave
4 Files, Gene, Caddoa	McAfee, Merc, Ninaview
H Gingrass, J. H., Towner	47 McAfee, Jack, Ninaview

Goodwin, State D., Pritchett	McDermott, R. B., Las Animas
Gahagan, F. D., Pueblo	McBride, G. G., Las Animas
HA 1-10 McMillin, R. M., Carlton +M	Skillen, J. R., La Junta
8 McMillin, J. C., Carlton	Stander, Cliff, Fowler
McMillin, D., Carlton	4 Stephens, Jack, La Junta
6 McGlothlin, J. A., Lamar	Stratton, Captain James H., Caddoa
AL 1-10 McClave, B. T., McClave	Storm, D. A., Las Animas
Nelson, Adolph, Haswell	Shrout, Dr. C. B., Fort Lyon
Nolan, John, Lamar	Stough, F. W., Las Animas
ME 1-10 Nunnery, John, Lamar	Smith, Jim, Lamar
Nichols, Harry, Las Animas	→(1) Simpson, M. M., McClave
Nichlos, Ed, Las Animas	4 Smartt, John, McClave
Oldham, Bert, La Junta	Sneed, C. W., McClave
O'Dell, Marvin, Las Animas	Sweitzer, C. W., Eads
Ott, Walter, Fort Morgan	Sniff Bros., Caddoa
9 Pelster, Joe L., Ordway	Quakenbush, J. F., Prowers
9 Pryor, R., Las Animas	Thompson, Ross, Lamar
Pointon, James, Las Animas	Thompson, M. A., Las Animas
Rayl, Arthur I., Timpas	Smith, Floyd C., Las Animas
Troup, C. N., Las Animas	Trostel, Fred, Caddoa
1-10 Robertson, Maude & Beverly, Arlington	Trostel, George, Caddoa
1-10 Romer, I. R., Holly	Weirich, J. F., Galatea
1-10 Rose, C. L., Arlington	Wilson, Floyd M., Lamar
Ray, Frank, Lamar	Walters, Martin, Pueblo
A Rule, E. S., Wichita, Kansas	Winters, Ray, Arlington
Rowland, O. W., Pueblo	Winters, Frank, Las Animas
Roeser, E. J., Hasty	Woodbridge, E. G., La Junta
Rose, Wm. E., Eads	Walker, Wm., Lamar
Rogers, Byron G., Denver	Wood, C. A., Eads
Rawlings, J. W., Las Animas	Wilson, Billy, Holly
1-10 Robinson, J. L., Las Animas	DeWitt, J. A., Lamar
ALF Robinson, O. L., Las Animas	Wenger, Al, Galatea
1-10 Ross, A. O., Deora	Zygmunt, Pawel F., Sheridan Lake
1-10 Ross, Mrs. A. O., Deora	Anderson, Norris, Arlington
1-10 Sheridan, Jesse C., Sugar City	Siefkas & Sons, Fred, Haswell
8 Spady, Elk and Alvin, Las Animas	Schroeder, Otto, Wiley

* * * * *

69th ANNUAL MEETING

BENT-PROWERS CATTLE AND HORSE GROWERS ASSOCIATION

OPENING

The meeting was called to order by President R. M. McMillin, at 1:30 p.m., February 22, 1939.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The report of Secretary, Arthur S. Dean, was made and, upon motion, was declared approved.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The report of President R. M. McMillin was made, which indicated that he had been active attending all district meetings. He had also attended meetings of the Assessors and County Commissioners, had conferred with the railroad companies on freight rates and with the State Land Board on leases, which in all showed that he had been very active on behalf of the organization.

TREASURERS'S REPORT

The report of the Treasurer, Wm. J. A. Scott, was read, showing a balance on hand in the amount of \$173.70. Upon motion the report as read was accepted and approved.

STATE LAND BOARD

Will R. Murphy, Engineer, and C. B. Noxon, President of the State Land Board, were present and the policies of the Board were outlined. It was apparent that the

persons leasing state land had in these two gentlemen people favorable to the stock industry.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

The Resolutions Committee was appointed, consisting of Fred Clark, Prowers County, Neil Davidson, Bent County, President C. A. Wood, Kiowa County, Roy Edgar, Otero County, and H. Davis, Baca County.

CHARLES LILLEY

Charles W. Lilley, President of the Colorado Stock Growers Association, came from Virginia Dale, Colorado, to attend the meeting. He was an interesting speaker and in reciting his activities indicated that the state association had a man capable of getting results.

INSPECTION

M. M. Simpson, member of the Colorado Stock Inspection Board, B. T. McClave, and J. R. Smith, Inspector, and others entered into a discussion with reference to inspection at all points, which also covered sales rings. A standard form of bill-of-sale was recommended.

ATTORNEY- GENERAL RECORDING OF BRANDS

Attorney-General Byron G. Rogers was called upon for remarks.

W. A. Thompson, of Springfield, recommended that the recording of brands of cattle purchased from other territories be made in the office of the County Clerk.

E. S. Rule

E. S. Rule, owner of the XY Ranch, made his yearly trip from Wichita to be present.

REPORT OF THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

The report of the Resolutions Committee was read by Neil Davidson, Chairman, and upon motion the following resolutions were adopted:

That the Bent-Prowers Cattle & Horse Growers Association oppose the provisions of the Griffenhagen Report insofar as the same affects the State Board of Livestock Inspection and the funds now under their control, because they believe said Report's recommendations, if followed, would be harmful to the livestock industry of the state.

This committee wishes to take this opportunity of expressing its appreciation for the fine work rendered by the livestock inspectors and the various peace officers of the counties of this district in apprehending cattle thieves. It is the earnest desire of this committee that each member of the association render every assistance possible to these inspectors at all times.

We recommend that no increase be made in the assessed valuation of livestock and grazing land for the year 1939.

The Bent and Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association in its 69th annual meeting assembled express our sense of personal loss in the death of our members, Mr. L. Edmundson of Pueblo; Pete Marshall of La Junta; W. H. Henderson of Kit Carson; and George Miller of Las Animas; and the passing of Mrs. J. R. Smith, wife of J. R. Smith, member of our association.

We also want to express to the city of Las Animas, and the committees in charge of the program of the 69th meeting of this association, our appreciation of the parade and livestock exhibit, and in general express our thanks for the cooperation extended on behalf of the citizenry for the excellent entertainment furnished for this meeting.

COMMITTEE (Neil Davidson
(Roy Edgar
(S. Fred Clark

(C. A. Wood
(Heman H. Davis

DUES

There was a motion by M. M. Simpson, and seconded by B. T. McClave, that the annual dues to the state Association be doubled for this year and paid. The motion was carried. M.M. Simpson also moved that the dues to the national association be paid in the amount of \$25.

OFFICERS

The motion of M. M. Simpson that the present officers be the officers for the year 1939 was carried and R. M. McMillen declared the officers to be as follows:

President - R. M. McMillin, Carlton, Colo.
Vice President - Matt Jones, Lamar, Colo.
Treasurer - Wm. J. A. Scott, Las Animas, Colo.
Asst. Treasurer - Bill Walker, Lamar, Colo.
Secretary - Arthur Dean, Las Animas, Colo.
Asst. Secy. - C. W. Sweitzer, Eads, Colo.

PARADE

Again, the Cowboy's Parade was one of the feature attractions of the day and this year approximately \$100 in cash was offered by the merchants of Las Animas as prizes to the breeders of fine horses. Although the weather was quite cold, several thousand spectators turned out to witness the event..... (B. C. DEMOCRAT)

EDUCATED
HORSE

Early in the afternoon Harold Mereness was present with his trained stallion and gave an exhibition of the horse's accomplishments.

70th ANNUAL MEETING

BENT-PROWERS CATTLE AND
HORSE GROWERS ASSOCIATION

OPENING

The meeting was called to order by President R. M. McMillin, at 1:40 p. m., February 22, 1940. Reverend J. T. Harbart, of the Las Animas Presbyterian Church, gave a short address on the chimes which had recently been installed in the church by the pioneer cattleman A. B. Ham, in memory of his wife. He also spoke about the Will Rogers Memorial and the Will Rogers Memorial Window, at Gunnison.

COLORADO
GOVERNOR

Governor Ralph Carr, of Colorado, was next introduced by President McMillin, and his address concerned the rights of water users of this section.

WELCOME
TO STOCK-
MEN

Mayor Frank Vandiver, of Las Animas, extended a welcome to the stockmen of the region, and Attorney Wilkie Ham gave the response to the Mayor's speech.

Next, in order, followed short talks by John C. Vivian, Lieutenant-Governor; Byron Rogers, Attorney-General; Captain James H. Stratton, in charge of construction of the Caddoa Dam; H. H. Richardson, Adjutant-General of Colorado; Dr. C. R. Miller, of Fort Lyon, and Roy Best, Warden of the Colorado State Penitentiary.

RECESS

The first session of the meeting closed for a short recess at 2:40 O'clock in the afternoon.

BUSINESS
SESSION

At 3:15 p. m. President McMillin called the group together for the business meeting.

SECRETARY'S
REPORT

The Secretary, Arthur S. Dean, was asked to report upon the minutes of the previous meeting. Motion was made and the minutes approved as read.

PRESIDENT'S
REPORT

President McMillin's report indicated that he had been quite active in behalf of the organization. With B. T. McClave, F. M. Wilson, Gale Lee, Jack French, C. A. Wood, Mr. Rose, J. Gingrass, and F. L. Pyles, he had attended the State Wide General Live Stock Meeting in Denver, Colorado, May 5th, 1939. On June 22, 23 and 24 Mr. McMillin and Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Denman were present at the annual convention of the Colorado Stock Growers and Feeders Association, at Montrose, Colorado.

He attended two of the monthly meetings of the Pueblo Stockgrowers Association during the year 1939. He also made a trip to McClave, Colorado, with Fritz Snauffer, W. A. Thompson and Heman Davis, to see M. M. Simpson in regard to cattle stealing between points in Colorado and Oklahoma. B. T. McClave was also a member of the conference. The attorney on this case, hired by the State Board of Stock Inspection Commissioners, was Wilkie Ham, who won the case.

On November 4th Mr. McMillin joined a group of twenty stockmen from nineteen states, in Chicago, and was conducted on a tour of the East by Swift & Company.

The trip was conducted November 17, in Chicago. In December Mr. McMillin contacted the State Land Board with reference to rates on state lands in eastern Colorado, and returned with the information that the Board will continue the policy of making individual adjustments whenever they feel they are justified.

Mr. McMillin was present at the meeting, January 11-13, of the American National Live Stock convention in Denver, and the gathering of the Colorado Stockgrowers Association in the same city, on January 15. He came to the meeting of the Arkansas Valley Feeders Association, at Las Animas, February 14th, and helped with arrangements for our convention. On February 16th, he and Al Wenger attended a district meeting of assessors and tax commission representatives in Pueblo. On February 17 a meeting of Kiowa County Stockgrowers was held in Kiowa, at which Mr. McMillin was also present.

He stated that an all day meeting of the State Board of Stock Inspection Commissioners and State Association officers will take place in Denver, in March.

TREASURER'S
REPORT

The report of the Treasurer, Wm. J. A. Scott, was read, showing a balance on hand in the amount of \$158.69. Upon motion the report was accepted and approved.

LAWRENCE
MOLLIN

Mr. Lawrence F. Mollin, assistant to the secretary of the American National Live Stock Association, was next introduced and gave a short talk, in which he commended President McMillin, and stressed a few highlights of the reciprocal trade agreement.

ARTHUR M.
WIMMELL

Arthur M. Wimmell, of "The Bent County Democrat" was called upon for a short speech.

LETTER FROM
CHET BLAKE

Chet Blake, of punch bowl fame and a representative of the Kansas City Stock Yards Company, was unable to be at the meeting, but sent the following letter, which was read:

" I cannot get down to the meeting, but am writing you a letter which may interest the boys, as it is good information. Northern New Mexico and Texas choice calves have been contracted just recently at ten for heifer calves and eleven for steer calves for spring delivery, and the fact that so many heifers have been sold account of drouths and to pay off debts, leads us to feel that many of these heifers have gone over the block thru killing

channels in the past several years, which should put stock cows and the cattlemen running them into a fairly good position for the next two years at least, unless new conditions develop to change the picture, it will pay to carry your stock cows and hold over a few stock heifers. All the future is uncertain, but stock cattle look fairly safe at least for the next two years.

"Wishing you all a nice meeting and that the punch is OK, I remain, Yours very truly, Chet Blake."

HISTORICAL DATA

A motion was made by M. M. Simpson, and seconded by O. L. Robinson, that the records of the Association be made available for persons who might wish to publish facts of historical value found in them.

STOCK INSPECTION

M. M. Simpson next gave a discussion of the work of the Stock Inspection Board, of which he is a member.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

The Resolutions Committee, composed of H. A. Bailey, E. S. Rule, A. O. Ross, and C. A. Wood, offered the following resolutions:

"We, your committee on resolutions, believe it appropriate at this time to again call attention to the objects of the association which are: "To protect, promote and render a service to the stock growers thru organized efforts."

Resolution No. 1: Whereas, death has called one of our most valuable, and active members, since we last met in the person of W. A. Thompson of Baca County to the last roundup, be it resolved that we here express our sense of personal loss by quietly standing for one minute, and that we send a copy of this resolution to the bereaved family.

Resolution No. 2: Whereas, expression has been publicly made by our State Livestock Board, and by the American National Livestock Association of endorsement of the reciprocal livestock inspection. Resolved, that we urge our State Livestock Associations to arrange such reciprocal inspection as soon as possible.

Resolution No. 3: Whereas, two of our members namely, President R. M. McMillin and Al Winger have recently appeared before the State Tax Commission on matters pertaining to tax levies on livestock for the year, 1940, and that many courtesies were extended these members, whereby many matters of interest to the livestock industry were favorably concluded. Therefore be it resolved: That we as members of this association extend to the Colo. Tax Commission our appreciation for the courtesies extended.

Resolution No. 4: Whereas, the Governor, Attorney General and other State and National officers have shown great interest in this meeting, by thier personal presents. Resolved, that we extend to them a vote of thanks.

Resolution No. 5: Whereas, our present officers of this association have served the interest of the association during the past year in a very able and efficient manner. Resolved, that we commend our officers for such excellent service and extend to them a vote of appreciation.

Resolution No. 6: Whereas, the city of Las Animas has provided excellent entertainment for the association meeting, whereby a very fine class of livestock were exhibited in a Parade at 10:30 A. M. Resolved, that we extend a vote of thanks to the civic organizations so contributing to such entertainment and instruction.

Herman A. Bailey, Chairman, C. A. Woods,
Eads, Colo., Felix Mundell, Walsh, Colo.
E. S. Rule, Granada, Colo., A. O. Ross
Deora, Colo.

A motion to approve the resolutions was carried.

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

The following report of the Nominations Committee was presented:

"It is the unanimous opinion and sentiment of your committee that the present officers should be re-elected. We are mindful and appreciative of the sacrifices that they have made in behalf of the Association and that the officers should be reimbursed with monies expended in furthering the interests of our Association.

"Respectfully submitted, B. T. McClave, H. F. Decker, Grover Mundell, Geo. E. Barton, H. B. Mendenhall."

COLORADO FREE FROM SCABIES

Dr. Denman reported that no sheep or cattle scabies existed in Colorado.

dues, state & national

A motion was made and seconded that the dues to the American National and Colorado State Livestock Associations be paid. It was also moved that the President appoint a delegation to attend the meeting of the Colorado State Association, June 20 - 22, at Meeker. Both motions were carried.

Those selected to form the delegation to Meeker were Grover Mundell, R. H. Klett, C. A. Wood and E. S. Rule.

* * * * *

71st ANNUAL MEETING

BENT-PROWERS CATTLE AND HORSE GROWERS ASSOCIATION

The 71st annual meeting of the Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association was held at the Bent County Court House on February 22nd, 1941.

INTRODUCTIONS

President McMillin opened the meeting and called upon Representative Leonard Hudnall to introduce the distinguished men present. These included United States Senator Ed Johnson, State Senators Swisher, Williams, Mose Smith, Briscoe, Representatives Avory, Baker, Coloroso, Crowley, Glenn, Flarity and McDonald, George Saunders, and Mr. Murphy and Mr. Collins of the State Land Board.

RECIPROCAL TRADE AGREEMENTS

Senator Ed. C. Johnson was next called upon and asked to discuss reciprocal trade agreements. During his talk he read a telegram sent by Secretary of State Cordell Hull of Washington D. C.: "Before a trade agreement with any country is negotiated, public notice is given and full opportunity afforded interested persons to present their views. No such notice has been given with respect to Argentina since the termination of negotiations with that country in January, 1940. In any event the importation into the United States of cattle, sheep, swine and fresh chilled or frozen beef, veal, mutton, lamb or pork from a number of countries including Argentina is strictly prohibited under regulations issued by the Department of Agriculture pursuant to section 1306 of the Tariff Act of 1930."

Senator Johnson predicted a future program of barter whether Hitler won the war or not, since in his opinion the international dollar is a thing of the past as a means of trade between nations.

SIDE LIGHTS ON HISTORY

C. W. Hurd, Santa Fe Agent, was next on the program and he gave several interesting side lights on the history of the Ass'n.

Mr. Hurd stated that his acquaintance with and admiration for the organization had endured through nearly forty years since the time of his service with the Santa Fe at Lamar. In his round-up of interesting data it was found that M. M. Simpson was the only living ex-president of the Association and the latter was introduced.

TYPES AND OBJECTIVES OF WARS

Next President Roy M. Green of Colorado State College of Agriculture expressed his views on wars as to the different types and objectives.

DIRECTOR OF MARKETS

Ben King, Director of Markets gave a short talk, pointing out that so much effort went into production, the marketing of produce was somewhat neglected. The annual loss of agriculture in bad checks he said amounts to around \$250,000, but this loss could be curbed to a large extent by bonded brokers.

ELBERT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

The meeting of the Elbert County Association, at Kiowa, Colo. March 8, 1941 was announced by James Goddard.

A telegram from Chas W. McIlvane, County Agent at Gunnison, was then read.

The condition of B. T. McClave, who was ill, was reported favorable by his son, George McClave.

Next was the reading of a telegram from Chet Blake stating he could not be at the meeting.

APPROVE AMER- ican NATIONAL & STATE ASS'N

Upon motion by Al Wenger, seconded by Matt Jones, it was agreed to approve all actions of the American National Livestock Association and the Colorado State Livestock Growers Association.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Raymond McMillin gave a report of his activities as head of the Association and spoke of the annual meeting of livestock producers at Wichita, Kansas, and also of the annual meeting of Colorado Producers at Denver, July 19, 1940.

HERD LAW

Howard Linger, of Hooper, Colorado spoke on the herd law.

MID-WINTER MEETING

Announcement was then made of the Mid-winter meeting of the Colorado Stock Growers in Denver January 13, 1941.

Upon motion by M. M. Simpson the report of the president was accepted.

The report of the Secretary, Arthur S. Dean, was also approved upon motion by A. B. Ham, seconded by Jasper Files.

DUES

M. M. Simpson called upon the members to pay their dues in order to keep the Association going. He also moved that the American National and Colorado State Association dues be paid. The motion was seconded by C. A. Wood, of Eads.

LA JUNTA PRO- DUCTION CREDIT ASS'N

Mr. J. M. Bentley, of the La Junta Production Credit Association was introduced and spoke on the activities of his association and the manner in which they benefited the livestock growers.

LIVESTOCK NAT. BANK OF OMAHA

Harry Wilson, of the Livestock National Bank, of Omaha, Nebraska, with headquarters in Emporia, Kansas, gave a short talk inviting loans for his bank.

ANTHRAX

Dr. R. M. Gow, state sanitary commissioner, advised close watch on the anthrax situation and vaccination wherever cattle ran in areas that had anthrax last year.

STOCK INSP. BOARD

M.M. Simpson, member of the Colorado Stock Inspection Board spoke on the activities of the Board and invited any constructive criticism the members might have.

OFFICERS

The officers of the Association were reelected to continue in their respective positions.

SECRETARY'S SERVICES

Motion was made by M. M. Simpson, and seconded by Wm. J. A. Scott, that the sum of \$50.00 be voted to pay Secretary Dean for his services during the past four years.

ADJOURN MENT

Since there seemed to be no further business to be discussed at this time motion was made by H. A. Bailey, and seconded by George McClave, that the meeting be adjourned.

* * * * *

72nd ANNUAL MEETING

BENT-PROWERS CATTLE AND
HORSE GROWERS ASSOCIATION

OPENING

The 72nd annual meeting of the Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association was called to order at the Bent County Court-house at 10:30 A. M. February 22, 1942, by President R. M. Mc Millin.

MINUTES

The minutes of the 1941 meeting were read by the Secretary, Arthur S. Dean, and were approved as read.

NOMINATING
COMMITTEE

A nominating committee consisting of Henry Manifor, R. H. Klett, E. S. Rule, and Chas. Sweitzer was then appointed.

RESOLUTIONS
COMMITTEE

Wilkie Ham, H. A. Bailey, N. J. Davidson and H. F. Decker were placed on the Resolutions Committee.

recess

After this short business meeting motion was made by M. M. Simpson and seconded by Matt Jones that the Stock Growers recess for dinner at the Palace Hotel featured by the usual Blake-Udick punch bowl.

AFTERNOON
SESSION

The meeting was again called to order by President McMillin at 1:30 P. M.

REPORT OF THE
PRESIDENT

President McMillin reported upon his activities in connection with his office and indicated that he had been very active in the stockmen's interest and had attended many meetings to further protect and aid the livestock industry.

He also pleaded that he be relieved of the office of president of the Association.

REPORT OF THE
VICE-PRESIDENT

Matt Jones, Vice-President, then gave a short report and insisted that Mr. McMillin remain as president of the group.

REPORT OF THE
TREASURER

Treasurer Wm. J. A. Scott reported a lack of funds in the Association treasury because of a lack of members.

In this connection William Walker, Assistant Treasurer, urged the cattlemen to pay their dues.

SECRETARY'S
REPORT

In his report Secretary Dean urged that the president should be at least partly repaid for his expense while working in behalf of the stockmen through the Association.

C. W. Sweitzer, Assistant Secretary, also urged more cooperation of those receiving the benefits of the organization.

M. M. Simpson, Chairman of the Executive Committee pointed out the fact that the Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association was the outstanding organization in the State, and urged everyone to be with the Association not only with dues but also with moral support.

VOTE OF THANKS

Motion was made by M. M. Simpson and Seconded by C. A. Wood, that a standing vote of thanks be given to the retiring officers for their action in behalf of the livestock industry.

VALLEY FEEDERS

Irving Haines, President of the Arkansas Valley Stock Feeders Association offered the services of his organization to our membership and pointed out that an organization of continuous activity for almost three quarters of a century must have done some good for the industry.

John L. Anderson, Secretary of the Arkansas Valley Feeders then spoke briefly.

VACCINATION

Dr. R. M. Gow, Sanitation Inspector, gave an interesting talk on diseases and advised that vaccination be followed next May.

OTHER
SPEAKERS

Al Wenger complimented the Association as a member knowing all of its activities for more than twenty years.

C. N. Troup expressed his opinion that the Association was historic as well as beneficial.

Harry Nevius, Prowers county assessor, indicated his desire to meet the demands of the stockmen.

Gale Lee, of Lamar, who has been a member since the first punch bowl, advised the members to get out of debt as a first rule.

Henry Decker took the floor to say he was glad he had come seventy miles year after year to the meetings, and declared he thought it a wonderful association.

COYOTE
MENACE

Norris Anderson of Haswell spoke on the coyote and the hunter menace.

In this regard Mr. Huffman reported 200 coyotes in the Huffman and McMillin pasture.

Al Wenger, Irving Haines, and others testified how the government trappers had aided, and thought the cattlemen should stand the expense as well as the sheep raisers.

Neil Davidson rose to defend the coyote, since he said they controlled the jackrabbits and kangaroo rats on his range.

MOST DISTANT
MEMBER

E. S. Rule, of Wichita, Kansas, owner of the X-Y ranch near Granada was called upon and introduced as the member coming the greatest distance. He stressed the need for vaccination.

Herman A. Bailey cited that his ranch had been turned to the trapper so that others would be kept out.

LIFE MEMBER-
SHIP

Motion was made by William Walker and seconded by Al Wenger that M. M. Simpson and J. R. Smith be given life membership in the Association.

EARLY EX-
PERIENCES

J. R. Smith then told of some of the early experiences of the organization.

RESOLUTIONS

Wilkie Ham of the Resolutions Committee moved that a vote of thanks be given the City of Las Animas for its hospitality on the day of the stockmen's meeting. The motion was seconded by J. R. Smith.

The following resolutions were read and adopted:

Whereas R. Romer of Holly, Colorado a member of the Bent and Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association has departed this life since our last annual meeting and whereas his death is a severe loss to this association and the community.

Now therefore be it resolved by the Bent and Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association in this 72nd Annual Meeting assembled that we extend condolences to Mrs. Romer and family.

Be it further resolved that this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this association and that a copy thereof be sent to Mrs. Romer.

Wilkie Ham
H. F. Decker
H. A. Bailey
Neil Davidson

Whereas the Creator of us all has called to the last roundup our esteemed friend, B. T. McClave, a pioneer cattleman and distinguished citizen of the Arkansas Valley, a most loyal member of our Association and an active supporter of everything for which our Association stands.

Now therefore be it resolved by the Bent and Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association in its 72nd annual meeting assembled that we mourn the loss of B. T. McClave, to the community and our association, and express our sympathy to Mrs. McClave and family.

Wilkie Ham
H. F. Decker
H. A. Bailey
Neil Davidson

NOMINATIONS

Henry Manifor made the report of the nominating committee as follows:

We the nominating committee make the following nominations:

President..... Wilkie Ham
Vice-President... Henry Bledsoe
Treasurer..... W. J. A. Scott
Assistant-Treas.. Henry Manifor
Secretary..... Neil J. Davidson
Assistant-Sec'y.. C. A. Wood

R. H. Klett
Henry Manifor
E. S. Rule
C. W. Sweitzer

Motion was made by M. M. Simpson and seconded by Marshall Dean that the report of the nominations committee be accepted. The Secretary was instructed to report a unanimous vote for the above.

VOTE OF THANKS

Motion was made by Al Wenger and seconded by H. A. Manifor that the record of the association show a vote of thanks to the retiring officers.

Wilkie Ham advised that a membership committee would be appointed. J. R. Smith concurred with the idea.

John Anderson spoke on the problem of shipping.

DUES

R. M. McMillin moved that the American National dues be paid. The motion was seconded by Matt Jones. Carried.

It was suggested the question of dues to Colorado Stockgrowers be referred to the Executive Committee. M. M. Simpson was opposed to giving anything.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion for adjournment was made by M. M. Simpson and seconded by J. R. Smith.

* * * * *

73rd ANNUAL MEETING

BENT-PROWERS CATTLE AND HORSE GROWERS ASSOCIATION

OPENING

The 73rd meeting of the Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association was called to order at the Bent County Court-House at 10:05 A. M. February 26, 1943 by President Wilkie Ham.

MINUTES

Minutes of 1942 meeting were read by Secretary, Neil Davidson, and were approved as read.

RESOLUTIONS
COMMITTEE

Motion was made by C. W. Switzer and seconded by Matt Jones that a resolution committee be appointed by chair. Motion was carried and President Ham appointed members as follows:

Chairman - George McClave

Members - O. A. Ross; Matt Jones; Prentice Reid; H. Bledsoe.

BRAND
INSPECTION

Mr. Allen of State Board of Livestock Inspection spoke briefly on importance of sanitary inspection.

Mr. Earl Brown, State Brand Commission, spoke on difficulties involved in brand inspection for livestock. He suggested that only way efficient brand inspectors could be kept, and brought to efficiency was by raising pay to \$175.00 per month. He said sale ring inspection had complicated inspection and demanded clearance of large numbers of cattle by small force of inspectors. He appealed for approval of 10¢ maximum charge for brand inspection if it were found necessary.

Henry Bledsoe stated that in his opinion the brand inspection could be held at five cents if properly handled. He warned that if limit were raised the increase would be permanent.

Raymond McMillin inquired why cattle from New Mexico should be inspected and why state didn't give title to cattle passing this inspection.

RECESS

At this time a motion was made that the Stock Growers adjourn for dinner and the Blake-Udick punch bowl at the Palace Hotel.

AFTERNOON
SESSION

Dr. Gow spoke on bangs disease. He stated calfhood vaccination was proving successful and strongly recommended it.

Dr. Heine also recommended calfhood vaccination.

C. N. Troup reported that no increase had been made in valuation for taxes on cattle.

Senator Johnson reported on bills effecting stockmen that were before the Senate.

Mr. Ham called attention to dues to Colorado Livestock and Feeders Association and suggested payment.

M. M. Simpson told that it was through the Colorado Stock Growers and Feeders Association that the brand inspection department had been reorganized, and that instead of surplus as formerly, the brand inspection now was asking raise in inspection fee to double former amount. He suggests we do not pay dues.

C. W. Sweitzer favored paying dues to State Association.

Parsons stated that he favored cattlemen running State Brand Inspection Board.

Raymond McMillin recommended we reconsider the amount sent to State Association.

By Standing vote of 16 to 9 it was decided to pay Colorado Stock Growers and Feeders Association 50 dollars dues.

Norris Anderson recommended that experienced men be hired for brand inspectors.

NOMINATION
OF OFFICERS

Motion was made and seconded that same officers be re-elected. Motion was carried.

Motion was made by Raymond McMillin and seconded by Al Winger that dues of \$50 be paid to American National Livestock Association. Motion was carried.

PROGRAM

Mr. Connell, of Colorado Agriculture College, offered any help his institution could give and stressed need for efficiency in live stock business.

Archie Haines, Southern Colorado Livestock Association, explained that his association was financed on a chuck wagon bases.

REPORT OF
PRESIDENT

President Ham reported that he appeared before tax commission meeting in Colorado Springs. His opinion and argument before commission was that calves should not be taxed before weaning age and calves born October first or later should not be taxed that year.

Mr. Ham attended Colorado Stock Growers and Feeders Association meeting in Denver and was on the resolutions Committee. He stressed need for members in our association for prestige as well as financial reasons.

RESOLUTIONS

Attached resolutions were reported by chairman Geo. McClave and adopted unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion for adjournment was made by H. Manifor and seconded by O. A. Ross.

RESOLUTIONS

We, your committee on resolutions, resolve to endorse the following resolutions:

1. Inasmuch as the Santa Fe Railroad have asked the Interstate Commerce Commission for permission to abandon a certain portion of their railroad in our valley and wherein we believe it would render certain hardships to the local livestock industry, be it resolved we are opposed to the abandonment of sixteen miles of the Santa Fe Railroad extending from Waveland to Cheraw.

2. Inasmuch as Senate Bill No. 27 (this bill proposes to increase brand inspection fee from .05 to .10 per head) is before the legislature and we thoroughly believe in the best inspection possible be it resolved that we leave it to open discussion by the Association.

3. Be it resolved we extend thanks to the Stock Yards Company of Kansas City for the excellent punch provided for our dinner and that we appreciate their remembrance.

4. Be it resolved that we endorse the following bills:

House Bill No. 110: "A bill for an Act relating to Brand and Sanitary Inspectors, and to amend Sec. 81, Chap. 160, 1935 Colo. Statutes Annotated, as amended by Chap. 217, Session Laws of Colo. 1941." (This bill relates to compensation of brand and sanitary inspectors.)

House Bill No. 383: "A bill for an Act making an appropriation to the State Board Stock Inspection Commissioners for the fiscal years 1943-1944 and 1944-1945 to be used for the control and elimination of brucellosis, (Bang's Disease) in cattle."

House Bill No. 519: "A bill for an Act concerning the assessment of livestock brought into the state and fattened on agricultural products and to amend Sec. 295, Chap. 142, 1935 Colo. Statutes annotated."

House Bill 518: "A bill for an Act relating to the assessment of livestock and distribution of assessment between counties, and to amend Sec 259, Chap. 142, 1935, C.S.A."

House Bill No. 633: "A bill for an act providing for the compulsory application of the Tuberculosis test and Brucellosis (Bang's) test to all dairy cattle supplying milk for public assumption."

Senate Bill No. 236: "A bill for an Act to amend Sec. 2 (n) and Sec. 35, Chap. 230, Session Laws of Colo. 1937, also known as Sec. 2 (n) and Sec. 35, Chap. 144, Colo. Statutes Annotated, 1935, so as to specifically exempt sales and use of breeding livestock from taxation under said Chapter." (This proposes to exempt breeding livestock from the sales and use tax levies.)

No. 5 Be it resolved that inasmuch as a hardship has been rendered to the small packers of Colorado through the regulation of meat products be it resolved that we believe that the quota of the said small packers should be increased.

Respectfully submitted,

George McClave; P. L. Reed
Henry Bledsoe; M. E. Jones
A. O. Ross

* * * * *

74th ANNUAL MEETING

BENT-PROWERS CATTLE AND HORSE GROWERS ASSOCIATION

OPENING	The 74th meeting of the Bent, Prowers-Cattle and Horse Growers Association, was called to order at the Bent County Courthouse at 1:45 P. M., February 26, 1944 by President Wilkie Ham.
MINUTES	Minutes of 1943 meeting was approved.
RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE	President Ham appointed the following resolutions committee: Chairman - Marshall S. Dean Members - H. C. Nevius; P. L. Reed; Herman A. Bailey.
REPORT OF PRESIDENT	Mr. Ham paid Henry Bledsoe \$25.00 to further argument against abandonment of Arkansas Valley Railway. He mailed 650 letters in Cheyenne, Otero, Bent and Baca counties urging attendance of meeting. He attended State and National Livestock Association meetings.
PROGRAM	Brand Commissioner Earl Brown protested the placing of brand inspection under Civil Service. His department, he explained, is having difficulty in personel, through draft and retirement. He suggested state be divided into eight or ten areas and cattle be inspected for movement between zones. Jim Smith of Lamar, old time brand inspector, retiring. Bill Gloss, from Pueblo, was introduced. Carey Strain, Representative from Prowers, spoke on legislation, on taxes of last session. Taxes on cattle ranging in several counties would be prorated among counties. The War Food Administration was represented by Chas. Lilly, former president of State Association. Only by rationing, he explained, can armed service be supplied, and Civilians get share of remaining meats. Edward Bledsoe spoke on protein situation. 20% of soybean cake allocated through seven member advisory committee to County AA Committee.
INTERMISSION	Leonard Stroud entertained meeting during intermission by fancy roping.
PROGRAM CONTINUED	Dr. Gow, State Veterinary attending our meeting for the tenth time, recommended bangs prevention by calfhoo vaccination. F. E. Mollen, Executive Secretary of National Livestock Association, spoke on national cattle increase, from average of 75,000,000, to 82,100,000. He suggested increased marketing of cows and heifers. Predicted small foreign outlet after war.
NOMINATING COMMITTEE	Mr. Ham appointed the following: Chas. Sweitzer; A. S. Dean; P. L. Reid and A. O. Ross.
PROGRAM CONTINUED	Roy H. Green, President of Colorado Agriculture College, explained inflation as condition following excess of ratio earning added to borrowing, over production. Value was controlled by usefullness and scaritu of goods. Wilmer McMillin, attending from Fort Collins, spoke briefly.

Dwight S. Watters, of Soil Conservation Service, offered his services and machinery to group.

RESOLUTIONS

Committee Chairman, Marshall S. Dean, read the nine resolutions. A motion was made by Marshall Dean, and seconded by Mr. Sweitzer, that resolutions be adopted as read. Passed.

NOMINATION OF OFFICERS

Committed recommended that present officers be re-elected. Motion passed.

DUES

Dues to National and State Livestock Association were voted unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion for adjournment was made by Richard Klett and seconded by H. A. Bailey. Passed.

* * * * *

Committee on Resolutions

We, your committee on resolutions, believe it appropriate at this time to again call attention to the objects of the association which are: "To protect, promote and render a service to the stock growers thru organized efforts."

Resolution No. 1.

Appreciation of Special Services of Brand Inspectors

Resolved, That our brand inspectors have rendered faithful service through hard work and close attention to detail, their expert reading of brands and prompt services when called on are very much to be commended.

Resolution No. 2.

Share Protein Concentrates

Whereas, Stockmen have been short of protein concentrate and we urge the Department of Agriculture to continue and increase their efforts in a more adequate distribution of this product.

Resolution No. 3.

Livestock Sanitary Embargo

Whereas, if foot and Mouth Disease were introduced into our country, at this time, it would seriously endanger our livestock and our efforts to maintain the increased beef production so necessary to the war effort; therefore be it.
Resolved, that we urge our members in Congress to continue their watchful efforts to maintain the Sanitary embargo in its present form--prohibiting the importation of livestock or dressed meats from countries where foot and mouth disease exists.

Resolution No. 4.

Livestock Sales Rings

Whereas, the local sales rings at La Junta and Lamar, Colorado have stimulated the interest in livestock throughout the trade territory, and have furnished an adequate market for both livestock producers and buyers, we commend them in their efforts and encourage those interested in the purchase and sale of livestock to avail themselves of their service.

Resolution No. 5.

Economy in Government

We commend the Congress for the substantial start made in reducing appropriations for agencies not connected directly with the war effort and for starting liquidation of certain emergency agencies no longer essential.

We urge that this policy be continued and expanded to trim even war agencies of surplus employees. Such action will reduce the federal deficit next year and be of great help in meeting the manpower shortage.

Resolution No.6.

National Live Stock and Meat Board American Meat Institute

We commend these two organizations for their continued efforts to protect the best interests of our meat animal industry at the same time cooperating to serve the war effort; for their continued advertising, educational and other programs to keep the public meat-value conscious--yet giving aid and publicity for the best use and distribution of meats under rationing restrictions; for their aid in instructing our armed forces in the proper cutting and preparation of meats.

Resolution No. 7.

Railroad Service

We commend our railroads in general, those serving Colorado in particular, for their efficient and effective service in transporting men, supplies and equipment, so vital to our war effort and civilian needs. We realize that for the duration of this war their burden of service and responsibilities must increase to handle increased, transportation demands, including livestock movement; therefore be it Resolved, that we pledge to our railroads our co-operation and assistance, urge our members to order cars well in advance, to load on the designated day; to release as soon as possible stock cars ordered in excess of actual load, and to sign "36 Hour Releases."

Resolution No. 8.

In Appreciation

We wish to thank all those who have contributed to our entertainment, especially the city of Las Animas and the Palace Hotel for their genuine hospitality and fine dinner. Also the Kansas City Stock Yard Company, which contributed so much to the enjoyment of those present.

Resolution No. 9.

Memorial

Whereas, Since we last met in annual convention several of our associates and friends have been called by Divine Providence: Therefore be it Resolved, That we now pause in respectful memory and extend our sincere regrets and deepest sympathy to the families of: Henry Decker of Holly, a long time member of this association. Prowers Hudnall of Las Animas, Amember of one of the oldest families in Southeast Colorado and grandson of John Prowers the first president of the Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association.

R. L. Stephens of Hasty, former manager of the "24 Circle Ranch" of Prowers, a long time resident of Bent and Prowers County.

John Davidson not present, we send greetings and best wishes for a speedy recovery.

Marshall S. Dean
H. C. Nevius
P. L. Reed
Herman A. Bailey

* * * * *

75th ANNUAL MEETING

BENT-PROWERS CATTLE AND HORSE GROWERS ASSOCIATION

OPENING

The 75th meeting of the Bent Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association, was called to order by President Wilkie Ham at 2:00 P. M.

MINUTES

Minutes of the 74th annual meeting were approved.

DISTINGUISHED VISITORS AND SPEAKERS

Henry Bledsoe Dewey Mann of Denver
R. M. McMillin, past president of the Association
Art Allen of State Brand Board
Charles P. Murphy of Spicer, spoke on the Taylor Grazing Act, possibility of herd law, and new brand inspection law.
Emmett Digman suggested continuing to advance meat consumption through advertising.
Frank Fehling spoke on need for associations, and explained that American National has great influence, in our national government. He explained that the State Association needs members, and money to properly do its job. He voiced objection to brand inspection personnel being under civil service. F. E. Mollen, Executive Secretary of American National Livestock Association, spoke on general situation in cattle business. All cattle covered by ceiling, but have been below ceiling to date. An additional subsidy of fifty cents is now being considered. Reciprocal Trade Act in practice consists of trading manufactured goods for agricultural products. Livestock numbers are higher than normal. Harry Bourne of Trinidad represented the Southern Colorado Livestock Inspection. Dr. Jenson of State Agricultural College spoke on abscess of liver in beef.

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

George McClave, Chairman
Judge H. A. Bailey
Wm. J. A. Scott
Marshall S. Dean
Motion was made by George McClave that report of Resolution Committee be approved as read. Seconded by Henry Manifor and approved. (Copy of Resolutions is attached.) Motion was made by C. W. Sweitzer that same officers be re-elected for coming year. Motion seconded by R. M. McMillin and passed.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion for adjournment was made, seconded, and passed.

Report of Wm. J. A. Scott:

Bent & Prowers Counties Cattle & Horse Growers Assoc.

Statement of Account From Feb. 1944 to Feb. 1945

	Receipts		
Feb. 24, 1944	Balance on hand	\$227.79	
	Dues Collected	138.00	\$365.79
	Expenditures		
April 4	B. C. Democrat, Printing	2.55	
Nov. 4th	Colo. Stock Growers, Dues	100.00	
	Paid by W. C. Ham 1943 and 1944		
	American National Dues	50.00	
Feb. 24	Balance on hand		\$213.24

SEVENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING

BENT-PROWERS CATTLE AND HORSE GROWERS ASSOCIATION

February 24, 1945

Las Animas, Colorado

by
Committee on Resolutions

We, your committee on resolutions, believe it appropriate at this time to again call attention to the objects of the association which are: "To protect, promote and render a service to the stock growers through organized efforts."

Resolution No. 1.

Appreciation of Special Services of Brand Inspectors

Resolved, That our brand inspectors having rendered faithful service through hard work and close attention to detail, their expert reading of brands and prompt services when called on are very much to be commended.

Resolution No. 2.

Livestock Sanitary Embargo

Whereas, if Foot and Mouth Disease were introduced into our country at this time, it would seriously endanger our livestock and our efforts to maintain the increased beef production so necessary to the war effort; therefore be it.

Resolved, that we urge our members in Congress to continue their watchful efforts to maintain the Sanitary embargo in its present form--prohibiting the importation of livestock or dressed meats from countries where foot and mouth disease exists.

Resolution No. 3

National Live Stock and Meat Board
American Meat Institute

We commend these two organizations for their continued efforts to protect the best interests of our meat animal industry at the same time cooperating to serve the war effort; for their continued advertising, educational and other programs to keep the public meat-value conscious--yet giving aid and publicity for the best use and distribution of meats under rationing restrictions; for their aid in instructing our armed forces in the proper cutting and preparation of meats.

Resolution 4.

Railroad Service

We commend our railroads in general, those serving Colorado in particular, for their efficient and effective service in transporting men, supplies and equipment, so vital to our war effort and civilian needs. We realize that for the duration of this war their burden of service and responsibilities must increase to handle increased transportation demands, including livestock movement; therefore be it

Resolved, that we pledge to our railroads our co-operation and assistance, urge our members to order cars well in advance, to load on the designated day; to release as soon as possible stock cars ordered in excess of actual load, and to sign "36 Hour Releases."

Resolution No. 5

Livestock Sales Rings

Whereas, the local sales rings at La Junta and Lamar, Colorado, Trinidad and Pueblo, Colorado, have stimulated the interest in livestock throughout the trade territory, and have furnished an adequate market for both livestock producers and buyers, we commend them in their efforts and encourage those interested in the purchase and sale of livestock to avail themselves of their service.

Resolution No. 6

In Appreciation

We wish to thank all those who have contributed to our entertainment, especially the city of Las Animas and the Palace Hotel for their genuine hospitality and fine dinner. Also the Kansas City Stock Yard Company, which contributed so much to the enjoyment of those present, and that the Secretary be instructed to convey to John Anderson and the Kansas City Stock Yard Company our sincere appreciation.

Resolution No. 7

Sickness

It has been called to the attention of the Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association that Jim Smith is ill at the present time and that we wish him a speedy recovery. It is the first time in more than forty years that Jim Smith has not been present at these meetings so the secretary of the Association is instructed to send him a copy of these resolutions. And be it further Resolved, that M. M. Simpson of McClave, Colo. not being present today for the first time in more than forty years, we sincerely miss his presence and influence in our Association and extend greetings.

Resolution No. 8

Memorial

Whereas, Since we last met in annual convention several of our associates and friends have been called by Divine Providence: Therefore be it Resolved, That we now pause in respectful memory and extend our sincere regrets and deepest sympathy to the families of:
John C. Davidson of Las Animas a long time member of the Association.
Charlie Collins of Kit Carson, Colo. a long time member of the Association,

George McClave, Chairman
Wm. J. A. Scott
Marshall S. Dean
Herman A. Bailey

* * * * *

76 ANNUAL MEETING

BENT-PROWERS CATTLE AND
HORSE GROWERS ASSOCIATION

OPENING

The 76th Annual Meeting of Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers was opened at 11:10 A. M. Friday Feb. 22, 1946 at Court House by President, Wilkie Ham.

Program &
discussion

John Anderson, Sec. of Arkansas Valley Sheep Feeders Association spoke briefly on sheep feeders meeting.

Senator A. C. Johnson spoke on problems of State, and listed need of better roads, need of competent employees.

E. J. Syring, A.A.A. Supervisor in Bent County explained program for present year.

Dr. Gow, State Veterinarian of Denver, spoke on dipping for lice and stated that at this time DDT had not proved satisfactory as a dip, but that at next meeting he probably would have definite information. He recommended no sulphur with derris powder.

W. H. Pennman of Lamar spoke briefly on success of Bing's disease vaccine.

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting was adjourned for banquet at Palace Hotel

AFTERNOON SESSION

Meeting called to order at 2:00 P. M. by Pres. Ham.

DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

F. M. Peterson, U. S. National Bank of Denver, Colo.; Henry Bledsoe of Cheraw, who spoke on origin of wealth. H. Mendenhall of Rocky Ford, suggested putting house in order during present good cattle prices.; Rad Hall, of Denver, spoke on subsidies and discussed both roll-back subsidies paid to packers and feeder subsidies paid direct to feeders. He also stated that O.P.A. would probably continue after July 1st. Harry Beirne and Art Allen spoke on new brand law.

Dr. L. E. Washburn, Ft. Collins, spoke on Feeds and Protein. He suggested that poor balance of minerals might cause some trouble. He suggested green alfalfa hay probably would help.

John T. Cain, Jr. of National Western Livestock, spoke on changes in livestock business.

Dr. B. F. Davis spoke on problem of stray and unclaimed horses. He also suggested caution to avoid large increase in taxes.

RESOLUTIONS

Marshall Dean, Chairman of Resolution Committee, submitted eight resolutions which were adopted on his motion, seconded by P. L. Reid.

OFFICERS

On motion of H. A. Bailey, seconded by C. W. Sweitzer, same officers were unanimously re-elected.

Meeting adjourned.

* * * * *

Statement by Committee on Resolutions

We, your committee on resolutions, believe it appropriate at this time to again call attention to the objects of the Association which are: "To protect, promote and render a service to the stock growers through organized efforts."

Resolution No. 1

Appreciation of Special Services of Brand Inspectors

Resolved, That our brand inspectors have rendered faithful service through hard work and close attention to detail, their expert reading of brands and prompt services when called on are very much to be commended.

Resolution No. 2

Livestock Sanitary Embargo

Whereas, if Foot and Moth Disease were introduced into our country at this time, it would seriously endanger our livestock and our efforts to maintain beef production; therefore be it

Resolved, That we urge our members in Congress to continue their watchful efforts to maintain the Sanitary embargo in its present form--prohibiting the importation of livestock or dressed meats from countries where foot and mouth disease exists.

Resolution No. 3

National Live Stock and Meat Board

American Meat Institute

We commend these two organizations for their continued efforts to protect the best interests of our meat animal industry; for their continued advertising, educational, and other programs to keep the public meat-value conscious-- yet giving aid and publicity for the best use and distribution of meats.

Resolution 4

Railroad Service

We commend our railroads in general, those serving Colorado in particular, for their efficient and effective service; therefore be it

Resolved, That we pledge to our railroads our co-operation and assistance, urge our members to order cars well in advance, to load on the designated day; to release as soon as possible stock cars ordered in excess of actual load, and to sign "36 Hour Releases."

Resolution No. 5

Livestock Sales Rings

Whereas, the local sales rings at La Junta and Lamar, Colo. have stimulated the interest in livestock throughout the trade territory, and have furnished an adequate market for both livestock producers and buyers, we commend them in their efforts and encourage those interested in the purchase and sale of livestock to avail themselves of their service.

Resolution No. 6

In Appreciation

We wish to thank all those who have contributed to our entertainment, especially the city of Las Animas, the Las Animas Chamber of Commerce, and the Palace Hotel for their genuine hospitality and fine dinner. Also the Kansas City Stock Yard Company, which contributed so much to the enjoyment of those present.

Resolution No. 7

Honorary Members

Whereas, A. B. Ham, a resident of Bent County, Colorado, has been an active member of this Association for 50 years, we do hereby recommend that he be given an honorary membership with all dues paid and that we stand and give the original cowboy salute to this long time member.

Resolution No. 8

Memorial

Whereas, Since we last met in annual convention one of our associates and friends has been called by Divine Providence:

Therefore be it Resolved, That we now pause in respectful memory and extend our sincere regrets and deepest sympathy caused by the passing of:

Levi Dumbald

Marshall S. Dean, Chairman
 C. W. Sweitzer
 O. L. Robinson
 E. B. Baumgardner
 Herman A. Bailey

* * * * *

77th ANNUAL MEETING

BENT-PROWERS CATTLE AND HORSE GROWERS ASSOCIATION

OPENING

The 77th annual Meeting of Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers was called to order at Bent County Court House at Las Animas, Colorado Feb. 22, 1947 at 10:30 A. M. by President Wilkie Ham.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Move was made by Judge H. A. Bailey, and seconded by Raymond McMillin that Resolutions Committee be appointed by chair. The following were appointed:

Judge Bailey, chairman
 Norris Anderson
 J. M. McEndree
 Geo. McClave
 R. M. McMillin

PROGRAM

Mr. Paul, newly appointed brand inspector, was introduced. Mr. Paul said his office would welcome suggestions at any time and plans on improving the brand inspection service, gave statistics on brand inspection during last year.

Country Inspection.....	623,601
Denver Stock Yards.....	334,000
Sale Rings.....	460,000
Hides.....	86,000

To do this job only 43 inspectors were employed. In Denver 276 strays were found and proceeds of their sale returned to owners.

Mr. Beirne stated that during last four months Roy and Lyman Edgar had found 125 head of cattle in their inspections.

The service is financed by 1 mill levy.

Roy Edgar spoke briefly on difficulty of inspection under conditions at sale yard.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned until 1:30 P. M. by President Ham.

AFTERNOON SESSION DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

Afternoon meeting called to order at 1:30 P. M. by President Ham. Willard Sims of Record Stockman was introduced and spoke briefly.

Radford Hall, representing American National Livestock Association, spoke on matters of interest to cattle men. He stated that hides have been under rigid price control by government. It had been so handled that Americans were able to get only half as much for their cattle hides, as were importers of foreign hides.

He suggested that Reciprocal Trade Treaties would probably become serious later. He stated that most other countries have foot and mouth disease and that the business is possible only because of short natural immunity after infection, and cheap operating conditions.

The main speaker, Dr. Floyd Gross of Colorado A. & M., was introduced by George McClave. He spoke on foot and mouth disease.

The disease effects all cloven footed animals. It travels rapidly, and often jumps large distances from one outbreak to another. At present, quarantine zone is within 150 miles of our border. A bill to eradicate disease will be paid by U. S. Mr. Gross suggested that the disease would travel like wild fire in U. S., as cattle had no immunity.

The disease had been introduced ten times before in U. S. In 1914 outbreak 77,000 cattle were slaughtered at cost of \$1,000,000.

He stated that early action was essential, and that all infected and exposed animals must be destroyed and deep buried. Included in slaughter were 22,000 deer, in California which were 25% infected.

He stated that all must be alert for disease. Virus of hoof and mouth will live only short time at body temperature, for ten weeks at room temperature, and many month in ice box. Will live many years in dry hide or dry straw.

Symptoms: Blisters turning to ulcers in mouth, and high temperature, and slobbering from mouth. Sores on feet.

Mr. John T. Cain III, of Denver Stock Show fame was introduced and spoke on large scope of livestock business in U. S. He Stated meat production of 160# during war was compared to normal pre-war consumption of 130# per person, He stated that immediate future was encouraging to agriculture, and meat producers, at least until fall. He stated that shift of population to west coast, was giving this section a big market for its meat products. He warned not to over-stock grass under present conditions.

Dr. Gow, of State Sanitary Board, spoke on new product for dipping.

He recommended DDT for fly control.

He stated that foot and mouth disease was brought to Mexico by bulls, double vaccinated against the disease. These animals carried disease after the double vaccination. He stated careless labor, and lack of sanitation very serious in Mexico. To question of R. M. McMillin, as to who paid for loss in cattle, Dr. Gow stated that government pays appraised value of animal in U. S. He stressed danger of transfer of disease on bananas or other Mexico products. Dr. Gow predicted that disease would break out in Texas within 90 days.

RESOLUTIONS

Motion was made by George McClave to appoint member and alternate to Resolutions Committee year in advance.

Committee appointed and alternate:

Judge Bailey, chairman
Marshall Dean, alternate - Bent
R. M. McMillin - Prowers
Wm. W. Walker
Jim McEndree
E. B. Baumgardner
Kelly Jackson - Kiowa
Prentice Reed
Robert Morrison - Otero
J. M. McGlothin
Henry Bledsoe (to name alternate)

Resolution Committee report accepted as read.

President Ham suggested resolution against herd law in any form. Seconded by Arthur Dean. Passed.

Wm. Walker moved, and Arthur Dean seconded, motion to favor passing of Pari-mutual betting legislation in Colorado, and motion, after discussion, was passed.

OFFICERS

Nomination committee composed of R. M. McMillin, Dick Klett, and Bill Walker. Reports recommend that same officers be re-nominated, and motion was presented by Wm. Walker. Seconded by C. W. Sweitzer. Motion was carried.

NEXT MEETING

Marshall Dean moved that meeting be held Feb. 22, 1948 at Las Animas. Motion was amended to read that meeting be held at Lamar in 1948 and at Las Animas 1949. Thereafter to alternate. Motion was made by C. W. Sweitzer and seconded by R. M. McMillin. Motion was declared passed by President Ham.

Motion was made, seconded, and carried that meeting adjourn.

Committee on Resolutions

We, your committee on resolutions, believe it appropriate at this time to again call attention to the objects of the association which are: "To protect, promote and render a service to the stock growers through organized efforts."

Resolution No. 1.

Appreciation of Special Services of Brand Inspectors

Resolved, That our brand inspectors have rendered faithful service through hard work and close attention to detail, their expert reading of brands and prompt services when called on are very much to be commended, and we recommend that the livestock inspection fee be raised a sufficient amount to justify competent livestock inspections.

Resolutions No. 2

LIVESTOCK SANITARY EMBARGO

Whereas, Foot and Mouth Disease now exists in Old Mexico and if it were introduced into our country at this time, it would seriously endanger our livestock and our efforts to maintain beef production; therefore be it

Resolved, that our members in Congress continue their watchful efforts to strengthen the Sanitary embargo in its present form--prohibiting the importation of livestock or dressed meats from countries where foot and mouth disease exists.

Resolution No. 3

National Live Stock and Meat Board American Meat Institute

We commend these two organizations for their continued efforts to protect the best interests of our live stock industry; for their continued advertising, educational, and other programs to keep the public meat-value conscious--yet giving aid and publicity for the best use and distribution of meats.

Resolution No. 4.

Railroad Service

We commend our railroads in general, those serving Colorado in particular, for their efficient service; therefor be it Resolved, that we pledge to our railroads our co-operation and assistance, urge our members to order cars well in advance,

to load on the designated day; to release as soon as possible stock cars ordered in excess of actual load, and to sign "36 Hour Releases."

Resolution No. 5.
In Appreciation

We wish to thank all those who have contributed to our entertainment, especially the city of Las Animas and the Palace Hotel for their genuine hospitality and fine dinner. Also the Kansas City Stock Yard Company, which contributed so much to the enjoyment of those present.

Resolution No. 6.

Whereas, it has been called to our attention that Jim Smith, an old stockman of Prowes County, Colorado, is now confined to his bed and is not physically able to be here today and we extend best wishes to him and a most speedy recovery.

Resolution No. 7.

Honary Member

Whereas, A. B. Ham, a resident of Bent County, Colorado, has been an active member of this association for 51 years, we do hereby recommend that he be given an honary reception and that we stand and give the original cowboy salute to this long time member.

Resolution No. 8.

Whereas, we commend the following guests who attended our meeting: Dr. Gow, Sanitary Commissioner of the state Board of Livestock; Ed Paul, State brand inspector; John T. Caine, Manager of National Livestock Show; Willard Simms, Record Stockmen; Radford Hall, American National Livestock Association; Dr. Floyd Cross of Colorado A. & M; and Dr. Deem of Colorado A. & M.

Resolution No. 10.

Whereas, Since we last met in annual convention several of our associates and friends have been called by Divine Providence; Therefore be it resolved, That we now pause in peaceful memory and extend our sincere regrets and deepest sympathy caused by the passing of :

Billy Davis
Emmet Ball
P. P. Anderson
Sam Collins

H. A. Bailey, Las Animas, Colorado
Chairman
J. T. McEndree, Springfield, Colorado
Norris Anderson, Arlington, Colorado
George McClave, McClave, Colorado
R. M. McMillin, Carlton, Colorado

* * * * *

78TH ANNUAL MEETING

BENT-PROWERS CATTLE AND
HORSE GROWERS ASSOCIATION

February 22, 1948
Lamar, Colorado

PARADE

The parade, sponsored by Vaquero Club of Lamar, preceeded the meeting. The Lamar High School Band furnished music. Dinner was held at the Elks Club.

CLOSING
OPENING

The 78th Annual Meeting of Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association was called to order at Elks Club at Lamar, Colorado Feb. 21, 1948, at 1:30 P. M. by President Ham.

WELCOME

Mayor C. A. Bowman of Lamar welcomed the members of the Association to Lamar.

PROGRAM

Vice-President Henry Bledsoe spoke on need for a strong state association. He stated that rural roads should get larger percentage of gasoline tax and should be improved as fast as possible. He thought school reorganization would improve efficiency and lower expenses.

DISTINGUISHED
GUESTS

The list of guests was headed by Gov. Lee Knous who stressed that need for Association was as great now as ever. He pointed need for soil conservation and recalled that a nation declines as its soil is depleted. He outlined his hoped for better roads, especially farm to market roads.

Dr. Gow, State Veterinarian, spoke on success of calf vaccination for Bangs disease.

Southern Colorado Livestock Association was represented by their President, Mr. McCarty, and Mr. Robert Parsons of Weston. Ed Paul, State Brand inspector, stated that his force returned 435 cattle to their rightful owners.

Dr. Cross, Acting Dean of Colorado A. & M. College, emphasized need for better livestock.

Radford Hall, Assistant Secretary of American National Livestock Association and Don Collins, State Senator of Kit Carson, spoke briefly.

The main address of the afternoon was given by F. E. Mollen, Secretary of American Livestock Association. He stated the Foot and Mouth disease in Mexico has been contained so far, but it was surprising it had spread no further and warned it was only 250 miles from U. S. He urged that Congress retain power to negotiate tariff and regulate. Cattle industry well organized now, he said. Dr. Stonacker said he thought better breeding as now being advanced would increase production by 20%. Experiments at Ft. Lewis, Colorado, with 130 cattle were attempting to purify lines of Herford breeding so that a Hybrid Herford could be practical. He stated that present methods of Herford breeding were often dissappointing and unpredictable.

BUSINESS

Arthur Dean moved, that officers, and standing resolutions committee have authority to give contributions and dues to American National Livestock Association, Colorado Livestock Feeders Association, and American National Tax Committee. Motion was seconded by C. W. Sweitzer, and passed. Judge Bailey, chairman of resolutions committee, read the resolutions adopted by his committee, and moved adoption of same. Motion was seconded by C. W. Sweitzer, and passed. R. M. McMillin, chairman of nominating committee, moved election of following officers for coming year:

Henry Bledsoe, Pres.
George McClave, Vice-Pres.
C. W. Sweitzer, Sec.
Jim Herbert, Assistant Sec.
A. S. Dean, Treas.
C. A. Wood, Assistant Treas.

Second was made by Marshall Dean. Officers Elect President by acclimation was empowered to appoint resolutions committee for 1949 meeting.

H. A. Bailey, Chairman
Norris Anderson
Marshall Dean

J. M. McEndree
 Kelly Jackson
 Henry Bledsoe
 Don C. Collins
 R. M. McMillin

* * * * *

STATEMENT BY COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

We, your committee on resolutions, believe it appropriate at this time to again call attention to the objects of the Association which are: "To protect, promote and render a service to the stock growers through organized efforts."

Resolution No. 1

APPRECIATION OF SPECIAL SERVICES OF BRAND INSPECTORS

RESOLVED, That our brand inspectors have rendered faithful service through hard work and close attention to detail, their expert reading of brands, and prompt services when called on are very much to be commended; and we recommend that the livestock inspection fee be raised a sufficient amount to justify competent livestock inspections.

Resolution No. 2

LIVESTOCK SANITARY EMBARGO

Whereas, Foot and Mouth Disease now exists in Old Mexico and if it were introduced into our country at this time, it would seriously endanger our livestock and our efforts to maintain beef production; therefore, be it Resolved, that our members in Congress continue their watchful efforts to strengthen the Sanitary Embargo in its present form--prohibiting the importation of livestock or dressed meats from countries where foot and mouth disease exists.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That we urge our Representatives in Congress to support whatever appropriations are necessary to enable the Bureau of Animal Industry to cooperate with Mexico to the fullest possible degree to the end that foot and mouth disease may eventually be eradicated in that country, and to conduct a research program that will help to bring that desired end.

Resolution No. 3.

NATIONAL LIVE STOCK AND MEAT BOARD AMERICAN MEAT INSTITUTE

We commend these two organizations for their continued efforts to protect the best interests of our livestock industry; for their continued advertising, educational, and other programs to keep the public meat-value conscious--yet giving aid and publicity for the best use and distribution of meats.

Resolution No. 4

! AND SERVICE RAILROAD SERVICE

We commend our railroads in general, those serving Colorado in particular, for their efficient service; therefore, BE IT RESOLVED, That we pledge to our railroads our cooperation and assistance, urge our members to order cars well in advance, to load on the designated day; to release as soon as possible stock cars ordered in excess of actual load, and to sign 36 Hour Releases.

Resolution No. 5

IN APPRECIATION

We wish to thank all those who have contributed to our entertainment, especially the City of Lamar, the Holly Saddle Club, the Vaquero

Saddle Club of Lamar, and the Elks Club for their genuine hospitality and fine dinner; also the Kansas City Stock Yard Company, who through their representative, John L. Anderson of Las Animas, have contributed so much to the enjoyment of those present.

Resolution No. 6
GUESTS

Whereas, we commend the following guests who attended our meeting:

Resolution No. 7

WHEREAS, Since we last met in annual convention, several of our associates and friends have been called by Divine Providence: Therefore BE IT RESOLVED, That we now pause in peaceful memory and extend our sincere regrets and deepest sympathy caused by the passing of:

J. R. Lamar	Pat Cain, Lamar
J. O. Scott, Lamar	Jim Hall, Lamar
W. H. Hayden, Granada	Jim Kirkpatrick, Las Animas
Hubert Cain, Lamar	A. J. Cline,
W. H. Rhodes, Kit Carson	Dr. W. P. Verity, Two Buttes

Resolution No. 8

Whereas, The American National Livestock Association have passed resolutions which we deem commendable; for their recognition given our association; and for their attendance at this association, we commend them for their efforts in our behalf and endorse their resolutions as passed by their last national convention held at Boise, Idaho.

79th ANNUAL MEETING

BENT-PROWERS CATTLE AND

HORSE GROWERS ASSOCIATION

- PARADE** The meeting was preceeded in the forenoon by a very elaborate parade, consisting of several very nice floats, more than one hundred horses and riders, and numerous other vechicles. This parade was headed by a car full of the head men consisting of; Henry Bledsoe, President: Hohn T Cain, President of the National Stock Show of Denver; Arthur S. Dean, was given at the Palace Hotel, and the notorious punch bowl, which is always furnished by the Kansas City Stock Yards, was enjoyed by all present.
- OPENING** The 79th Annual meeting of Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association was called to order at 1:30 P. M., on March 5, 1949, at the Court House at Las Animas, Colorado, by President Henry Bledsoe. He opened the meeting with several well-choosen words.
- WELCOME** The address of welcome was given by Mr. Davis, the mayor of Las Animas.
- PROGRAM** Mrs. Ham Jackson spoke breifly on the Prohibition Amendment, which is now pending before the State Legislature.
- DISTINGUISHED GUESTS** Several of the leading citizens from n^umerous places throughout the state were introduced. Among them were; Howard McGinnis, Roy Hancock, and Jim Herbert, all from Springfield; Mr. McCarty of the southern Colorado Stock Growers Association; Art Allen, of the Board State Livestock Commissioners, from Pueblo; Jim Gowdy; and, John Rollins. Rodney Hall, of the National Livestock Association, spoke breifly on the accomplishments of the National Association.

At this time a telegram was read from Gov. Knous, expressing his regrets as to his inability to be present.

John C Cain III, manager of the State Livestock Show in Denver, was introduced and made the principle address of the afternoon. In his discussion, he covered all the principle issues confronting the livestock business at the present time. His address was very interesting, and everyone present was very much pleased with it.

At this point, Chairman Bledsoe appointed a nominating committee, consisting of; Wilkie Ham, R. M. McMillen, and Marshall Dean.

Mr. Ferninger, from the Record Stockman, was introduced and made a short address.

BUSINESS

After this address Judge Bailey, chairman of the Resolution Committee, read the resolutions and moved their adoption, the same was adopted by a unanimous vote. (A copy of the resolutions is attached to this report.)

At this point President Bledsoe made a report of the happenings and accomplishments of the State Legislature, in which he is a member. The Committee of Nominations was asked to report. Mr. Ham, chairman, made his report as follows:

President: George McClave, McClave
Vice President: Kelly Jackson, Eads
Secretary: C. W. Sweitzer, Lamar
Ass't. Secretary: Jim Herbert, Springfield
Treasurer: Arthur Dean, Las Animas
Ass't. Treasurer: C. A. Wood, Eads

Wilkie Ham moved the nominations be closed and the secretary be instructed to cast the vote of the entire association for the positions now nominated. Judge Bailey seconded the motion and those officers were declared elected by acclamation.

A motion was made by Wilkie Ham to pay the State and National Livestock Committee \$100.00 each. This motion was seconded and carried and the same has been paid.

There was some discussion about the meeting place of next year, but in view of the fact that we had previously voted to hold the meeting on the even years in Lamar and the odd years in Las Animas, a standing vote was taken on this motion, and the vote was 16 to 36 in favor of holding the meeting in Lamar as above stated. Therefore we assume that this proposition of holding the meeting one year in Las Animas and the next in Lamar is definitely settled.

George McClave, president-elect, was called to the chair and after a few preliminary remarks the meeting was declared adjourned.

* * * * *

Committee on Resolutions

We, your committee on resolutions, believe it appropriate at this time to again call attention to the objects of the association which are: "To protect, promote and render a service to the stock growers through organized efforts."

Resolutions No. 1.

Appreciation of Special Services of Brand Inspectors

Resolved, That our brand inspectors have rendered faithful service through hard work and close attention to detail, their expert reading of brands and prompt services when called on are very much to be commended.

Resolution No. 2

Livestock Sanitary Embargo

Whereas, if Foot and Mouth disease were introduced into our country at this time, it would seriously endanger our livestock and our efforts to maintain beef production; therefore be it resolved, that we urge

our members in Congress to continue their watchful efforts to maintain the Sanitary Embargo in its present form-prohibiting the importation of livestock or dressed meats from countries where foot and mouth disease exists.

Resolutions No. 3

National Livestock and Meat Board American Meat Institute

We commend these two organizations for their continued efforts to protect the best interests of our meat industry; for their continued advertising, educational and other programs to keep the public meat-value conscious--yet giving aid and publicity for the best use and distribution of meats.

Resolution No. 4

Railroad Service

We commend our railroads in general, those serving Colorado in particular, for their efficient and effective service; therefore be it Resolved, that we pledge to our railroads our cooperation and assistance, urge our members to order cars well in advance, to load on the designated day; to reload as soon as possible stock cars ordered in excess of actual load, and to sign "36 Hour Releases."

Resolution No. 5.

Price Controls

WHEREAS, President Truman has requested that Congress grant him authority to reinstitute price controls on food and other products as he deems necessary to regulate prices; and
WHEREAS, There has been introduced in the 81st Congress a bill entitled H. R. 2756 to accomplish those purposes; and
WHEREAS, Such regimentation was accepted by the American people as a war measure justified only by the danger to the nation, requiring emergency measures; and
WHEREAS, No such emergency can now be claimed to exist to justify such a sacrifice of individual rights and responsibilities, particularly when experience shows that the controls demanded are foredoomed to failure; and
WHEREAS, The imposition or threat of imposition of such controls through standby authority in the hands of the administration would serve only to disrupt the processes of meat production, thereby imposing hardship on the consumer; therefore be it
Resolved, That the Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association is unalterably opposed to H. R. 2756 and any other legislation of similar intent and purpose, and that the Secretary be instructed to send a copy to Senators Eugene Milliken and Ed C. Johnson, and Congressman Marsalis.

Resolution No. 6

In Appreciation

We wish to thank all those who have contributed to our entertainment, especially the city of Las Animas, The Chamber of Commerce and the Palace Hotel for their genuine hospitality and fine dinner. Also the Kansas City Stock Yard Company, which contributed so much to the enjoyment of those present. We especially appreciate the distinguished guests in Las Animas today as visitors of our Association.

Resolution No. 7

Memorial

Whereas, Since we last met in annual convention several of our

associates and friends have been called by Divine Providence;
Therefore, be it Resolved, That we now pause in respectful memory
and extend our sincere regrets and deepest sympathy caused by the
passing of Members of the Association.

Herman A. Bailey, Chairman
R. McMillin, Carlton, Colo.
Kelly Jackson, Eads, Colo.
Norris Anderson, Arlington, Colo.
Jim McEndree, Springfield, Colo.

* * * * *

Director's Meeting

BENT-PROWERS CATTLE AND HORSE GROWERS ASSOCIATION

December 29, 1949

Lamar, Colorado

A meeting of the board of directors was called for the above date to
meet at 107 East Olive, in the Wilson Building at 1:00 P. M.
The object of this meeting was to make plans and appoint committees
to handle all angles to the yearly meeting to be held in Lamar on
February 22, 1950. Those present were as follows:

Geo. McClave-	- - - - -	President
Kelly Jackson-	- - - - -	Vice President
C. A. Sweitzer	- - - - -	-Secretary
C. A. Wood	- - - - -	-Asst. Treas.
J. M. Bridges-	- - - - -	-Member
Elmo Pierson -	- - - - -	-Member
Geo. Anderson-	- - - - -	-Member
Raymond McMillin	- - - - -	-Member & past President
Wilkie Ham	- - - - -	-Member & past President

Meeting was called to order promptly at 1:00 P. M. by President,
Geo. McClave, and the General Program Committee was selected as follows:

Geo. McClave	- - - - -	-Chairman
Raymond McMillin	- - - - -	-Member
Wilkie Ham	- - - - -	-Member
C. W. Sweitzer	- - - - -	-Member
C. O. Bowman	- - - - -	-Member

Elmo Pierson was appointed chairman of the Parade Committee and he
is to appoint helpers if they are needed.

A Resolution Committee was appointed as follows:

Wilkie Ham	- - - - -	-Chairman
John Alexander	- - - - -	-Member
Marshall Dean	- - - - -	-Member
Kelly Jackson	- - - - -	-Member

In view of the fact that the meeting of February 22, 1950, is our
eightieth regular meeting, it was the sentiment expressed by all
present that a special effort should be put forward to make this an
outstanding event and that a special invitation be extended to all
stockmen and farmers in Southeastern Colorado to be present.

DIRECTOR'S MEETING

BENT-PROWERS CATTLE AND HORSE GROWERS ASSOCIATION

February 2, 1950

Lamar, Colorado

A meeting of the board of directors for the Bent-Prowers Cattle and

Horse Growers Association was held February 2, at 107 East Olive, in the Wilson Building. Those present were as follows:

Geo. McClave - - - - -	-President
Kelley Jackson - - - - -	-Vice President
C. W. Sweitzer - - - - -	-Secretary
C. O. Wood - - - - -	-Asst. Treasurer
Mrs. Ransdell - - - - -	to be in charge of dinner for annual meeting

The meeting was called to order and a discussion promptly begun on the dinner for the annual meeting. It was decided to have Mr. Ransdell prepare and serve the dinner at \$1.75 per plate, this price would include rent for the hall. The board gave a guarantee of 250 plates. It was further decided that the member who paid their yearly dues should receive dinner free.

J. M. Bridges was appointed to arrange and take care of all the details for the dinner.

It was decided that the Sec. should use the funds collected to defray the expense of the meeting.

Later it was decided and arranged by Mr. R. M. McMillen to have Al Payne, of Lamar, Make and serve the punch.

The meeting was adjourned in regular order.

Secretary,
C. W. Sweitzer

* * * * *

80th ANNUAL MEETING

BENT-PROWERS CATTLE AND HORSE GROWERS ASSOCIATION

- PARADE** The colorful parade, which preceeded the meeting, started promptly at 10 A. M. in front of the Brown Lumber Co. and proceeded up main street to the Hospital. There were some 100 horses and riders, and numerous farm vehicles, also about 100 cars.
- OPENING** The 80th Annual meeting of the Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association was called to order at 11:30 A. M., on February 22, 1950, at the American Legion Home, by President George McClave. He turned the meeting over to Wilkie Ham.
- WELCOME** The address of welcome was very ably given by Silvey De Loach, Mayor pro tem., of the city of Lamar, this was answered by Wilkie Ham.
- DINNER** The dinner hour was a very hilarious affair enjoyed immensely by all. The pink lemonade was a little stronger than common, it seemed to have something in it that loosened the tongue and tickled the feet, but no one got out of control. The meal, itself, was wonderful and very efficiently served considering several handicaps.
- PRESENTATION OF PARADE TROPHIES** The presentation of parade trophies and honors from the Bent-Prowers Ass'n, and the Lamar Chamber of Commerce, was very beautiful and was done by Wilkie Ham and Elmo Persyn. They were as follows:
1. Best Group of Riders in parade; Bent Co. Riding Club, President, Harry Kinsley.
 2. Best Horse and Lady Rider; Flora Persyn, Lamar
 3. Best Horse and Girl Rider: Donna Hoffman, Granada
 4. Best Horse and Boy Rider: Donald Yates, Las Animas
 5. Best Cowboy Rider and Equipment in Parade: Everett Wilhite, Holly
 6. Oldest member of Bent-Prowers Ass'n. in parade: Bright Ham, Las Animas
- DISTINGUISHED GUESTS** Among the distinguished guests introduced were: Judge Arraj of Springfield, Don Collins of Kit Carson, Dave Rice, Sec. Colorado

Cattlemens' Association, Arthur Rummel of Las Animas, Melba Zorm, Arkansas Valley Journal, reporter, Mr. Thaxton, Mayor of Las Animas, and Elmer Wagner of Lamar. Thanks was offered to the ladies for the dinner and to the Western String Band for the music. Also to Matt Jones, who acted as chef and demonstrated how to cook outdoors with a dutch oven. The meeting was then turned back to George McClave for further introduction of guests. These were: A. C. McCarthy, of Trinidad, Rad Hall, business manager of the Colorado Livestock Ass'n., W. E. Morgan, President of the Colorado A & M College, Loren C. Bamert, President of the American National Livestock Ass'n from Ione, California.

PROGRAM

Mr. Bamert spoke a real Cowmans address that was most heartily approved by all present. Following this address, several other short ones were made by the following: Rad Hall of Denver, Henry Bledsoe of Cheraw, W. E. Morgan also gave a very nice and interesting talk on activity of Colorado A&M College and business in general.

BUSINESS

After a lengthy discussion on Bangs Disease, the Association went on record as opposing compulsory vaccination for range cattle. A very interesting picture was shown concerning the stockman and farmer, it was "All Flesh is Grass". A resolution of good cheer was adopted for our former President, Mel Simpson and the secretary was instructed to send Mr. Simpson a copy of same. The resolutions committee reported at length and a copy of their report is attached to these minutes. The nominating committee, Don Collins, chairman, reported that all officers now serving, be re-elected for another year, and the motion was carried without opposition. It was then moved, by Arthur Dean to hold the next meeting in Las Animas. This motion was amended to hold the next meeting in Las Animas and then alternate all future meetings, holding the even numbered years in Lamar, and the odd number years in Las Animas. All business seemed to be taken care of, so the meeting was adjourned.

Secretary,

C. W. Sweitzer

Officers 1950

President,	George McClave
Vice Pres.,	Kelley Jackson
Secretary,	C. W. Sweitzer
Asst. Sec.,	Jim Herbert
Treasurer,	Arthur Dean
Asst. Trea.	A. C. Wood

* * * * *

RESOLUTIONS

The Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association, at their 80th annual meeting held at Lamar, Colorado, February 22, 1950 do resolve as follows:

Resolution No. 1

We commend our brand inspectors for their faithful and efficient service throughout the past year.

Resolution No. 2

We express our appreciation to the livestock sale rings in our community for bringing our markets near home and establishing a price for our livestock.

Resolution No. 3

We express our appreciation for the prompt and efficient service of our railroads and trucking concerns.

Resolution No. 4

We approve of the grass re-seeding program of the Soil Conservation Department of the Government and urge full activity in re-seeding lands and urge an exhaustive research in methods and plants best adapted for that purpose in order that our community, which is essentially livestock and agriculture, may be developed and maintained to its fullest productivity.

Resolution No. 5

In order to better utilize the beef produced by us, we recommend:

That a substantial percentage of present top "Choice" be graded in "Prime," a corresponding percentage of top "Good" be graded "Choice", and that the young good quality beef and other beef of equal merit that is now satisfying a popular demand and is being graded "Commercial" be graded "Good", leaving in "Commercial" the remainder of the beef now falling in that classification. We feel this readjustment in grades of beef will better accomplish the result proposed of splitting the "Commercial" grade and will contribute to a more general use of beef grading, and be of benefit to the producer, feeder and consumer.

Resolution No. 6

WHEREAS, The activities of the National Live Stock and Meat Board represent a very valuable service to the producers of meat animals and to the consuming public, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That we highly commend the Board and its staff for its service and we recommend to all cattle producers that they give the Board their liberal moral and financial support.

Resolution No. 7

WHEREAS, The American Meat Institute featured the livestock producer as one of the Meat Team, particularly emphasizing grass agriculture, in its broad advertising campaign which reached millions of American consumers through foremost publications and national radio programs, stressing the importance of the producer as a component part in contributing to the health and economy of the nation in meat production; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED: That this Association express its appreciation and approbation for this advertising, and the hope that the American Meat Institute may find it consistent with future advertising policies to follow a similar line in its industry-wide advertising and radio copy.

Resolution No. 8

We wish to thank all of those who have contributed to our entertainment, - especially, the Chamber of Commerce of the City of Lamar; the American Legion Auxiliary; the Vaquero Club; the Bent County Roping Club; the Holly Saddle Club; the Springfield Saddle Club; and the Eads Roping Club, for the contribution in making our affair a success.

Resolution No. 9

WHEREAS, we have learned that our Ex-President and esteemed member Mel Simpson, is not in good health at his home in El Cajon, Calif., therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That we extend our best wishes to Mel, hope for his speedy recovery and say that we miss him at our meeting.

Resolution No. 10

WHEREAS, since the last annual convention, several of our associates and friends have been called by Divine Providence including Fred Hollister, of Vilas; James Kirkpatrick, of Las Animas; Bent King, of Las Animas; and John Gardner, of Eads; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That we now pause in respectful memory and extend our sincere regrets and deepest sympathy, caused by the passing of these members of our Association.

Resolution Committee

Chairman, Wilkie Ham, Lamar, Colorado
Members, John Alexander, Lamar, Colorado
Marshall Dean, Las Animas
Kelley Jackson, Eads, Colorado

* * * * *

Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association

Eightieth Annual Meeting to be held at Lamar, Colorado on Feb. 22, 1950

The regular yearly meeting will be called to order at 11:00 a.m. at the American Legion Hall on February 22. This meeting will be preceded by a parade that will gather in front of the Brown Lumber Co. at 10:00 a. m. Elmo Persyn will be leading circle for the roundup and the parade will proceed down Main Street, circle the Hospital and disband.

All you boys that are close enough bring your ponies or what have you and join this parade. Then after a hard circle, the sweetest music to a cowboy's ears is when the cook bellows out, "Climb a wheel before I throw it out." The rush is on and boy, how the beef steak, fried in deep fat will disappear. There's potatoes covered with rich greasy gravy, some sour dough buns that shoved the lid off a 10-inch Dutch Oven, and coffee that would float a horse shoe. You top this off with a liberal helping of spotted pup covered with rich condensed milk.

This is what is going to happen at the hour of 12:00. Mat Jones acting as Sour Dough John and Jess Bridges as general manager, Dutch Oven and all with a few modern side lines and oh yes, it seems as though we just cannot get along these days without the women folks, so the famous chef, Mrs. Ransdell and her crew of helpers will add this modern touch.

So stockmen and farmers bring your wives and sweethearts and don't forget to invite the new cowmen that are in your midst, who should belong to the Bent-Prowers Ass'n, the oldest organization in the west--80 years of continuous service to the stockman.

At 1:00 P. M. a general program is being prepared by George McClave, our President, in charge. This will be well worth your time. Some of the principal speakers will be, President Morgan of Colorado A & M., F. E. Molan, secretary of the American National Livestock Ass'n, Radford Hall, business manager of the American National Livestock Ass'n., and Dave Rice, Jr., secretary of the Colorado Livestock Ass'n. Also our own Henry Bledsoe, one of the ablest men in the livestock business will speak.

On top of all this the merchants of Lamar are putting on a real Thank You Day. There will be gifts, bargains, and prizes for all, so bring the entire family for a real day's outing. Be sure and stay for the Cowboy Dance--Elmo Persyn will be in charge. Elmo at the head assures a clean and orderly affair.

You will find enclosed a card, please mark and return it at once so we will know how many to prepare dinner for. The dinner will be free to those of the association who pay the yearly dues of \$5.00. Individual dinner will be \$1.75 per plate.

So come on in boys and get your snout wet at the old water trough (I am told it won't be full of pink lemonade). Put on the nose bags and let us keep the spirit of the Old West alive in memory of those old boys that glorified two names in the English language, COWBOYS and ROUNDUP.

C. W. Sweitzer
Secretary B.P.C. & H.G. Ass'n

1950 BENT-PROWERS MEETING

Petty Cash from A. S. Dean	\$ 25.00
Petty cash from A. S. Dean	50.00
Dues collected at meeting	570.00
Extra dinners at meeting	163.00
Later Membership	110.00
Total money collected	\$ 918.00

MONEY SPENT

Spent from Petty Cash	123.15
Brown Lumber Company (Geo. McClave)	4.08
Lamar Register	33.15
250 dinners @ \$1.75 (J. M. Bridges)	437.50
Extra Help	15.25
Punch Bowl (R. M. McMillen)	143.00
Total money spent	\$ 756.13

Money Collected	918.00
Money Spent	756.13
Balance	\$161.87

* * * * *

	Received	Paid
March 15th, Received Petty Cash	25.00	
Post Cards		5.00
Steno Hire (Norma Tefertiller)		2.00
100 stamped envelopes		3.38
Stamped Envelopes		1.83
Paper		.31
Steno Hire (Norma Tefertiller)		7.80
Stamped envelopes		3.46
Stamped Envelopes No. 8		5.30
350 small envelopes		12.00
Steno Hire		28.00
December 9th Received Petty Cash	50.00	
500 No. 9 Envelopes		18.01
2 account Books		.50
500 Post Cards		5.00
Stamped Envelopes		6.53
Steno Hire (Pamela Pollock)		10.00
Cups for Punch Bowl		3.00
Paper Clips		.30
Post Cards		1.50
250 Envelopes		9.08
	\$ 75.00	\$123.00
Due from Petty Cash		48.00

* * * * *

BENT-PROWERS CATTLE AND HORSE GROWERS ASSOCIATION
 Membership 1950 (as of February 24, 1950)

Amis, D. D., Las Animas	Anderson, Norris, Arlington, Colo.
Anderson, George, Holly, Colo.	Adams, Bob, Lamar, Colo.
Barnhart, Lloyd, Lamar, Colo.	Baumgardner, E. B., Las Animas, Colo.
Best, Roy, Canon City, Colo.	Blackburn, Harry E., Las Animas, Colo.
Bledsoe, Henry, Cheraw, Colo.	Bourne, Sam, McClave, Colorado
Boettcher, P. D., McClave, Colo.	Bragg, Frank, Lamar, Colo.
Bridges, Jim, Lamar, Colo.	Broyles, Jake O., Sacramento, Calif
Busbey, Carl, McClave, Colo.	Cain, Florence, Lamar, Colo.
Cain, Harry, Lamar, Colo.	Carver, L. E., Lamar, Colo.
Collins, Don, Kit Carson, Colo.	Crittenden, Lance, Coolidge, Kansas
Davidson, M. F., Lamar, Colo.	Dawson, J. W., Brandon, Colo.
Dean, Arthur, Las Animas, Colo.	Dean, Bess, Las Animas, Colo.
Dean, Edward, Las Animas, Colo.	Dean, M. S., Las Animas, Colo.

Dean, Tom F., Las Animas, Colo.	Deeds, A. E., Pritchett, Colo.
Denadel, Rex, Lamar, Colo.	Duncan, Buck, Lamar, Colo.
Duncan, John, Lamar, Colo.	Duncan, Wm. Scotty, Holly, Colo.
Eddleman, Dick, Lamar, Colo.	Eddleman, Ernest, Lamar, Colo.
Eddleman, Jack, Lamar, Colo.	Edgar, Lyman, Rocky Ford, Colo.
Edgar, Roy, Rocky Ford, Colorado	Etchart, John, Las Animas, Colo.
Frank, George, Lamar, Colo.	Free, Harry, Holly, Colorado
Gilbert, Phil, Lamar, Colo.	Gilbert, Buy, Lamar, Colo.
Gilbert, Tom, Lamar, Colo.	Golden, John, Bristol, Colo.
Ham, Wilkie, Lamar, Colo.	Hall, Bud, Lamar, Colo.
Hall, Jack, Lamar, Colo.	Hasser, Arron, Lamar, Colo.
Henry, W. R., Lamar, Colo.	Horn, Hershal, Lamar, Colo.
Holt, Bowers, Springfield, Colo.	Hoffman, Otis, Granada, Colo.
Jackson, Della Ham, Fort Lyon, Colo.	Jackson, Kelley, Eads, Colorado
Johnson, Walter, Las Animas, Colo.	Jehnek, Frank, Kit Carson, Colo.
Johnston, Jim, Lamar, Colo.	Jones, Matt, Lamar, Colo.
Jett, N. J., Springfield, Colo.	Karn, J. Lewis, Granada, Colo.
Karn, Kermit, Granada, Colo.	King, H. H., Eads, Colo.
Kinsley, Harry, Las Animas, Colo.	Klett, R. H., Las Animas, Colo.
Lane, W. G., Eads, Colo.	Lamberson, Floyd, Arlington, Colo.
Larrick, Newton, Lamar, Colo.	Lee, Gale, Lamar, Colo.
Lowe, Kenneth, Carlton, Colo.	Manifor & Son, Las Animas, Colo.
Mathews, Roy P., Springfield, Colo.	Mundell, Felix, Walsh, Colorado
Murray, Hayden, Las Animas, Colo.	McEndree, Clyde, Springfield, Colo.
McEndree, Doyle, Deora, Colorado	McEndree, Gale, Springfield, Colo.
McEndree, J. T., Springfield, Colo.	McKinney, Leroy, Lamar, Colo.
McKinnis, Harvey, Springfield, Colo.	McLaughlin, Jim R. F., La Junta, Colo.
McMillen, Donald C., Lamar, Colo.	McMillen, Jess C., Carlton, Colo.
McMillen, R. M., Carlton, Colo.	McMillen, W. J., Carlton, Colo.
Nevius, H. C., Lamar, Colo.	Pointon, James, Las Animas, Colo.
Pointon, Thomas, Las Animas, Colo.	Persyn, Elmo, Wiley, Colo.
Patterson, Jack, Springfield, Colo.	Queen, Ralph, Las Animas, Colo.
Ray, Frank, Lamar, Colo.	Retchloff, Ray, McClave, Colorado
Robbins, Lewis, Walsh, Colo.	Romer, J. C., Holly, Colo.
Robertson, H. H., Chevington, Colo.	Rose, S. Paul, Ordway, Colo.
Romer, J. R., Holly, Colo.	Sabin, Chas. E., La Junta, Colo.
Shanlen, W. P., McClave, Colo.	Shinn, D. C., Lamar, Colo.
Smartt, John, McClave, Colo.	Smartt, Trent, McClave, Colo.
Sniff, Emmett, Lamar, Colo.	Sweitzer, C. W., Lamar, Colo.
Strain, Roy, Lamar, Colo.	Strain, Cora R., Lamar, Colo.
Simpson, M. M., El Cajon, Calif.	Tanner, Martin, Lamar, Colo.
Thaxton, E. A., Las Animas, Colo.	Tigner, T. B., Las Animas, Colo.
Tifertiller, W. E., Granada, Colo.	Van Campen, Leslie, Deora, Colo.
Van Metre, Lawrence, Springfield, Colo.	Venn, Roy, Lamar, Colo.
Venn, Winnie, Lamar, Colo.	Wagner, Jack, Las Animas, Colo.
Wagner, James, Lamar, Colo.	
Wagner, E. J., Lamar, Colo.	Watkins, C. A., Las Animas, Colo.
Wallace, Delbert, Deora, Colo.	Walker, Rex, Lamar, Colo.
Walker, William, Lamar, Colo.	Williams, Hayes, Lamar, Colo.
Walker, Luther, Lamar, Colorado	Williams, Jack, Lamar, Colo.
Wenger, Al. F., Colo. Springs, Colo.	Willhite, C. C., Holly, Colo.
Wilson, L. F., Lamar, Colo.	Wilson, F. M., Lamar, Colo.
Wilson, Wm. N., Holly, Colo.	Wimmell, Arthur M., Las Animas, Colo.
Wood, C. A., Eads, Colo.	

* * * * *

81ST ANNUAL MEETING

BENT-PROWERS CATTLE AND HORSE
GROWERS ASSOCIATION

The annual meeting of the Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association was called to order by George McClave, President, at the Court House in Las Animas at 1:30 P. M. February 22, 1951

The meeting was preceeded by a parade and a dinner at the Palace Hotel. Awards were given for the following:

Best Saddle Club:	Lamar
Best Man Rider:	Andy Shannon, Las Animas
Best Lady Rider:	Mrs. Perces Stecklian, Lamar

Best Boy rider: Billy Yates, McClave
 Best girl rider: Janet Lowe, Las Animas.

The following committes were appointed:

Nominations: Neil Davidson, Henry Manifor, Harry
 Neviys, Roy Edgar and C. A. Wood; and

Resolutions: Wilkie Ham, Kelly Jackson, Marshall Dean
 and Lule Schmidt. Dave Rice and
 A. T. McCarty assisting.

Mr. Lee Cox of Water Resources Development Corporation, explained some of their projects in California, Oregon and Washington, showing slides of these projects. Ken Varah of Winter Livestock Commission told something of the placing of the generators and prevailing winds, etc., and predicted that more and better resiltis will come out of seeding the clouds as y^ears go on.

A. T. McCarty gave a report on the National Live Stock Association's meeting held in January 1951 in California. He stated that our dues are very nominal in comparison to other businesses and announced the Colorado Cattlemen's Association meeting to be held at Walsenburg in June.

Mr. David Appelton of American National Live Stock paid tribute to Mr. McCarty's fine praise of the National organization. Membership intitles one to chëcking of transportation costs and inspection for disease among cattle.

Wilkie Ham reported on the proposed herd law. Having appeared at the hearing in Denver on February 20, 1951, as a representative of this organization.

Dave Rice, Secretary of Colorado Cattlemen's Association, discussed the proposed legislation.

Wilkie Ham was appointed chairman of a committee of nine to circulate petitions opposing the herd law, as followa:

Robert L. Morrison, Otero County; Bill Walker, Prowers County;
 Floyd Sniff, R. H. Klett and John Smartt, Bent County; J. T. McEnd-
 ree and Roy P. Mathews, Baca County; and Kelly Jackson, Kiowa County.

The resolutions committee gave their report, which was adopted. A copy of these resolutions are attached.

The following candidates were nominated and elected:

President, George McClave; Vice-presidents, Kelly Jackson and Marshall Dean; Secretary, Melva H. Busbey; Treasurer, Arthur S. Dean and Assistant Treasurer, C. A. Wood; Directors, Phil Gilbert, Roy Mathews and Robert L. Morrison.

It was agreed to send Colorado Cattlemen's Assiciation and American National Leve Stock Association \$100.00 each. Also agreed to send \$50.00 to Tax Comm-
 itte of the American National Live Stock Association.

It was further agreed to send the names of 20 members of this Association to the State Association.

Treasurers Report Bent Prowers

Cattle and Horse Growers Assn, for 1950
 February 22, 1951

American National		Balance 2-21-50
Live Stock Assn.	100.00	1057.59
Colorado Cattlemen Assn.	100.00	
C. W. Sweitzer	50.00	
Geo. McClave	50.00	
Elmo Persyn	50.00	
Bank Charge	1.24	
Peoples Flower Shop	15.00	

Total	366.24	
Balance in Bank	691.35	
	1057.59	1057.59

Arthur Dean, Treasurer

1951 RESOLUTION OF THE BENT COUNTY

PROWERS ASSOCIATION

No. 1. PLEDGE TO DEMOCRACY

WHEREAS, We are now engaged in a conflict which may ultimately determine whether our Republic, as set up by our forefathers, can longer exist in the same world with a thoroughly immoral, insidious power which has proven its absolute contempt for human life, human rights and international honesty. The ultimate outcome of this conflict could mean not only the destruction of all governments founded on the principles of the dignity of man and the right of self-determination but of civilization itself;

RESOLVED, That we, the member of the Bent - Prowers Cattle & Horse Growers' Association, in convention assembled at Las Animas, Colorado, February 22, 1951, do hereby pledge our every effort to the end that democratic processes shall be preserved and continued for all time to come.

No. 2.

WHEREAS, the activities of the national life stock and meat board and the American Meat Institute have rendered very valuable service to the producers of meat animals and the public, and especially in connection with publicity featuring the production and consuming of meats,

BE IT RESOLVED, that we express our appreciation and approval of the efforts of these organizations.

No. 3.

WHEREAS, House Bill no. 15 now limits compulsory vaccination for Bang's disease to dairy cattle,

AND WHEREAS, we as stockmen are in favor of voluntary control of Bang's disease for beef cattle,

BE IT RESOLVED, that we approve of the provisions of House Bill No. 15, and that we so advise our Representatives and Senators to that effect.

No. 4.

WHEREAS, the health inspection of beef cattle should be separated from that of other domestic animals,

BE IT RESOLVED, that we endorse Senate Bill No. 179 sponsored by Senator Collins of Kit Carson, Colorado, placing the duties concerning the prevention and eradication of livestock diseases in commercial and beef cattle to the State Board of Stock Inspection commissioners.

No. 5.

WHEREAS, there is proposed legislation in connection with the highway program placing farm trucks on the same license and tax basis as motor vehicles used for hire;

BE IT RESOLVED, that farm motor vehicles be charged in lower tax classification from motor vehicles used for hire.

No. 6.

WHEREAS, there is pending in the State Legislature various bills to establish a herd law in the State of Colorado or parts thereof;

AND WHEREAS, the enactment of such a law would require a vast expenditure of money by the stock raisers in fencing all lands upon which their stock might stray;

AND WHEREAS, at the present time in this national emergency it would be impossible to obtain the critical material necessary to construct the required fences;

AND WHEREAS, large numbers of cattle men would be compelled to sell their herds

and thus reduce the supply of beef that is now; unduly scarce, and thus further increase the price of meat to the consumer;
 AND WHEREAS, the persons who own farms and pasture lands need fences to restrain their own stock or stock that they may desire to pasture upon said lands;
 AND WHEREAS, the principal agitation for a herd law comes from those who have recently acquired lands in our State, and who acquired the same under our cattle laws then in existence;
 AND WHEREAS, we are convinced that the best interests of this State are served by combined use of its lands for farming and stock raising;
 AND WHEREAS, approximately one-tenth of the taxes paid in the State of Colorado is paid on livestock by their owners who remain in the State and pay taxes regardless of drought and depression; These stock men also pay taxes on the land and also on the livestock, the land producers
 AND WHEREAS, that State of Colorado has arrived at its present state of prosperity and happiness under the laws relative to stock that existed since statehood.
 NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers' Association unanimously oppose the passage of any herd law and direct the officers of this association to send copies of this Resolution to the Governor of the State of Colorado and our representatives in the Senate and House of Representatives.

No. 7.

WHEREAS, During the past year Mel Simpson, past president, and Charles Sweitzer, past secretary and Gale Lee, one of our active supporters, have gone to their last round-up;
 BE IT RESOLVED, that we express our sincere sorrow and regret their loss to our Association.

No. 8.

WHEREAS, Raymond McMillin, past president of our organization is ill in St. Joseph Hospital, Denver, Colorado;
 BE IT RESOLVED, that we inform him that we hope his very speedy recovery, and that we miss his advice and counsel at our meeting today.

No. 9.

WHEREAS, we wish to thank the City of Las Animas, its Mayor, Ezra Thaxton, The Palace Hotel, the Bent County High School, the riding clubs, the program committee and all others who have so capably added to our pleasure and enjoyment at our meeting.

Wilkie Ham
 Marshall S Dean
 Kelly Jackson
 L. W. Schmidt

* * * * *

83rd ANNUAL MEETING

BENT-PROWERS CATTLE AND HORSE
 GROWERS ASSOCIATION

After dinner served by American Legion Auxiliary, the meeting was called to order by George McClave, President, at the American Legion Hall in Lamar, Colorado on February 22, 1952.

The following committees were appointed;

Nominations; Neil Davidson and Raymond McMillin

Resolutions; Wilkie Ham, Arthur S. Dean and Lule W. Schmidt

Chief speaker was Albert N. Williams, president of U. S. National Bank of Denver.

Palmer Burch, member of House of Representatives from Denver, discussed appropriations passed in last legislature.

Stafford Painter, President of Colorado Cattlemen's Association, and member of the House, told of some of the issues that came before legislature. He told us to watch the legislation on roads, etc. and advised us to let our representatives know our desires as there are more lobbyists than legislators (100 to 103).

Dave Appelton of American National Cattlemen's Association, also editor of American Cattle Producer, discussed capital gains and price controls. He also showed the colored movie "Land of Our Fathers", the new film produced by American National.

Henry Bledsoe, past president of our Association and also of Colorado Cattlemen's talked on the advantages of long term leasing to individuals that conserve the land and not to the highest bidder of school and state land. He also discussed the tax valuation of cattle for assessment purposes. He told us Colorado Cattlemen's Association needed more support. The tax work alone is worth more than amount of dues one pays.

Among the distinguished guests introduced were: A. J. McCarty, past president of Colorado Cattlemen's, who in turn introduced the 6 other men that came from the Southern Livestock Association; Hackett Smartt, Gordon Allott, Ed Paul, State brand inspector; Judge Arraj; Milton Booth of Arkansas Valley Journal; Marge Mundell of Record Stockmen; Leroy McKenney Arkansas Valley Sales Co.; Ken Varah, Winter Livestock; Tom Young, Soil Conservation Baca County; Jim Schaffer of John Clay; A. B. Ham, our oldest member; County Agents, etc.

The resolutions committee gave their report, which was adopted. Copy of which is attached.

The following candidates were nominated and elected: President, Kelly Jackson; Vice Presidents, Marshall Dean and Harvey McKinnis; Secretary, Melva H. Busbey; Treasurer, Arthur S. Dean; Assistant Treasurer, C. A. Wood; Directors: Phil Gilbert, Roy P. Matthews, Robert L Morrison, John Smartt, Newt Larrick and Richard C. Klett.

It was agreed to send Colorado Cattlemen's and American National Associations \$100.00 each.

Cigars were furnished by First National Bank of Lamar, and Santa Fe R. R. furnished book matches and pads.

The secretary was instructed to wish John Etchart and Marshall Dean speedy recovery.

Since our last meeting, two of our members have passed on. The Secretary was instructed to send letters of condolence to the wives of L. R. Riley and Jack Williams.

The next annual meeting to be held in Las Animas.

Melva H. Busbey, Secretary

RESOLUTIONS OF BENT - PROWERS CATTLE AND HORSE GROWERS
ASSOCIATION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY AT THEIR 83RD ANNUAL
MEETING HELD AT LAMAR, COLORADO, FEBRUARY 22, 1952.

Whereas the present law with reference to leasing state land, Chapter 194, 1945 Session Laws, page 522, H. B. 35, and the policy of the State Land Board promotes conservation of the soil, prevents undue poisoning and destruction of grass, and in general is for the best interests of the schools of the State of Colorado.

Be it resolved that we approve the present law and policy of the State Land Board, and oppose any repeal or modification of the present law.

Be it resolved that we are opposed to a herd law in any form.

We express our appreciation of the successful efforts of the American National

Cattlemen's Association and others in obtaining legislation bringing livestock under the capital gains provision of the tax law.

We express our appreciation of the efforts of the officers and committees of the Colorado Cattlemen's Association in behalf of the live stock industry in Colorado, and urge all stockmen to become members of the State Association and give the State Association their whole-hearted support.

We express our appreciation to the City of Lamar, The American Legion Auxiliary, The First National Bank of Lamar, our guest speakers, and guests from other associations for their assistance in making our meeting a success.

Wilkie Ham, Lamar, Chairman

Arthur S. Dean, Las Animas

L. W. Schmidt, Lamar

Treasurers Report of
The Bent Prowes Cattle and Horse Growers Assn. for 1951.

Balance February 22, 1951	691.35	Horse Show	25.00
Assessments Collected	448.00	Colo. Cattlemen's	
		Assn.	100.00
		Last Meeting	88.23
		Stationary, etc	59.18
		American Natl. Assn.	100.00
		Secretary	28.63
		Balance	734.71
		2/22/52	
		Bank Bx.	3.60
Total	1139.35		1139.35

Arthur S. Dean, Treas.

Bent-Prowers Horse & Cattle Ass'n.
% Mrs. Carl Busby, Secretary
McClave, Colorado

To members and officers of the Bent-Prowers Horse & Cattle Ass'n:

On behalf of the county agents in the lower Arkansas Valley district of Colorado, we wish to express our appreciation for the sponsorship of the range beef institutes held at La Junta on February 14, and at Lamar on February 15.

It was largely through the efforts of the association that it was possible to make a success of them.

We especially wish to thank your president, Mr. George McClave, your secretary, Mrs. Carl Busby and one of your directors Mr. Bob Morrison.

Sincerely yours,

Bruce G. Whitmore, Chairman
Lower Arkansas Valley
District of the Colorado
Agricultural County Agent's
Association

Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Grower's Association

Las Animas or Lamar, Colorado

March 10, 1952

Dear Member or Stockman:

Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association represents Baca, Kiowa, Otero

Bent and Prowers Counties and The Association needs your support and we feel you need the Association.

Legislation is continually being brought up, both nationally and in the state, that is vital to stockmen, and your associations represent you to the best of their ability. The effect of this representation is directly proportionate to the number of members.

We are sorry you did not attend our recent meeting as we need your ideas and suggestions. The annual dues are \$5.00. Upon receipt of same, a membership card will be forwarded to you.

The Bent-Prowers Association through and with the Colorado Cattlemen's and American National Livestock Associations, will give you, as stockmen, its unlimited support. It was largely through the work of our stock Association that the sale of breeding animals is subject to capital gains treatment and tax paid on only one-half of the gain. Therefore, we urge you to join your local, state and National associations.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary

Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers' Association

Las Animas or Lamar, Colorado

February 10, 1953

Dear Member or Stockman:

On Friday, February 20, 1953, this Association will hold its 84th annual meeting at the V.F.W. Hall, 318 Third Street, Las Animas, Colo.

This meeting is of vital importance to everyone connected with the livestock business. We are confronted with serious conditions regarding the Herd Law, State Land Leases and Assessed Valuations. These matters will be thoroughly discussed by men in the local organization, the Colorado Cattlemen's Association and the American National Associations.

Entering in the discussions will be authorities on all phases of these critical situations.

The morning session will begin at 11 o'clock. Dinner will be served at noon. There will be a meeting in the afternoon and dancing in the evening.

Ellison A. E. Ketchum, an economist formerly with the University of Denver, will be one of our principal speakers. He is not connected with the livestock industry.

Be sure to come and bring your friends. We feel it is imperative that we get together and discuss these problems as all of us realize the seriousness of the present situation.

Yours very truly,

Mrs. Melva H. Busby,
Secretary

Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers' Association

Las Animas or Lamar, Colorado

This Is Important -- House Bill 112

Dear Member,

Two years' drought, no grass in sight and a break in livestock prices that threatens our industry!

Rising costs, lower prices, and now House Bill 112, which will further increase costs to the stockmen. Your assistance is needed to beat this unfair measure.

Here is a portion of the bill: "Provided, however, that upon the written petition of fifty property owners in any county of this state, it shall be the duty of the Board of County Commissioners of such county to submit to a vote by the qualified electors, who are owners of property in the said county, at any general election against allowing an animal or animals to run at large, any person may recover for trespass from the owner or owners of any animal or animals for damage or injury done to his property, crops or grass or garden products or other vegetable products in an action instituted for such purpose regardless of whether his property is enclosed by a fence as described in Section 56 of this Chapter and regardless of whether his property is enclosed by any fence whatsoever."...

You are urged to send a telegram or a letter opposing this bill, to your state representative, your state senator and also to Representative Stafford Painter, chairman of the House Agricultural Committee. These wires and letters should be addressed to the individuals care House of Representatives or State Senate, State Capitol, Denver, Colorado.

This matter is vital to all of us in the livestock business, so please do your part by getting off your wires or letters at once. Don't depend on your neighbor to do this job for you.

Sincerely yours,

BENT-PROWERS CATTLE AND HORSE GROWERS ASS'N

By Melva H. Busbey, Secretary

* * * * *

84th ANNUAL MEETING

BENT-PROWERS CATTLE AND HORSE GROWERS ASSOCIATION

After an excellent dinner served by Auxiliary of Veterans of Foreign Wars of Las Animas, the meeting was called to order by Kelly Jackson, President, at the V. F. W. Hall in Las Animas, Colorado, on February 20, 1953.

The following committees were appointed:

Nomination: George McClave, Henry Manifor and Phil Gilbert

Resolutions: Wilkie Ham, Ray McMillin and John Smartt

Ellison E. Ketchum, former professor of economics at University of Denver gave main address.

Wilkie Ham, a member of Colorado Cattlemen's Association legislative committee, discussed pending legislation. A standing vote of thanks to Wilkie for his work in this committee.

R. A. Burghart, treasurer of Colorado Cattlemen's Association, gave a very good talk on legislation and activities of the 13 committees of Colorado Cattlemen's Association.

Minutes were read and approved with correction to 83rd Annual Meeting. Treasurer's report read and approved.

Letters of regret were read from Gov. Thornton, Willard Simms, American National, Dave Appleton, Henry Bledsoe, Edgar Chenoweth, Hacket Smartt, etc.

Dr. Homes, Manager of Ft. Lyon Veterans Hospital, was introduced; as well as Lyle Liggett, Director of information of American Cattle Producer; Milton Booth of Arkansas Valley Journal; Arthur Wimmell of Bent County Democrat; Ez Thaxton, Mayor of Las Animas; County Agents, Ed Paul, Brand Inspector, etc.

The resolutions committee gave their report, which was adopted. Copy attached hereto.

The following candidates were nominated and elected: President, Kelly Jackson; Vice-presidents, Marshall A. Dean and John Smartt; Arthurs S. Dean, Treasurer; C. A. Wood, Assistant Treasurer; Melva H. Busbey, Secretary; Directors - Phil Gilbert, Toy P. Mathews, Robert L. Morroson, Newt Larrick, Richard C. Klett, Henry Manifer and Rex Walker.

Bruce Whitmore announced range institute at La Junta and Lamar and Association agreed to sponsor both meetings.

The next meeting to be held in Lamar.

Melva H. Busbey
Secretary

Report Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Assn.
For 1952

Balance February 1952	734.71
Dues	584.37
Total	1319.08
Lamar Meeting	134.00
American Natl	100.00
Sec expense	58.30
Colo. Cattle men	200.00
Bank Exp.	1.14
Balance 2/22/53	825.64
Total	1319.08

Treasurer

* * * * *

The Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association, at their 84th annual meeting held at Las Animas, Colorado, February 20, 1953, oppose a herd law in any form, and endorse the improvements in the fence law sponsored by the Colorado Cattlemen's Association as provided in the bill introduced in the House of Representatives by Representatives Carpenter and Bledsoe.

The Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association, at their 84th annual meeting held in Las Animas, Colorado, February 20, 1953, express their approval of Senate Bill No. 160 as the best legislation now pending in the Legislature with reference to the leasing of State Lands.

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED That the Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers, Association, at their 84th annual meeting held at Las Animas, Colorado, February 20, 1953, approved a bill now pending in the House of Representatives of the State of Colorado, providing for the collection of then cents (.10) per head of cattle sold with the exception that the Association approves the collection of the ten cents (10) only at terminal yards and sales rings.

RESOLVED: That the United States Department of Agriculture or othrGovernmental authority with power to do so be requested to take steps to prevent a drop of more than five per cent (5%) in any one day in the sale price of livestock similar to the regulation pertaining to the grain market. And we direct that a copy of this resolution be sent to the American Cattlemen's Association, and request the support to that Association.

Adopted at the 84th annual meeting of the Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association held at Las Animas, Colo., February 20, 1953.

We express our appreciation to Mayor Ezra Thaxton, the City of Las Animas, the Las Animas Chamber of Commerce, the Veterans of Foreign Wars of Las Animas for the use of their hall, and their auxiliary for the fine meal they served, and we express our appreciation to the First National Bank of Lamar for cigars, the Las Animas Leader, Lamar Daily News, Bent County Democrat, and Arkansas Valley Journal for their publicity and wholehearted support of our meeting. We thank V. P. King Auctioneer, for the programs, and John Flinn of Flinn Ads for his drawings displayed at the meeting.

We regret the untimely passing of the following old-timers and members of our Association since the last meeting of our Association: N. E. Berry of Lamar, R. B. Holt of Walsh, John Trotter of Holly, Harve Gish of Eads, and Howard Davidson of Eads. We also express our sympathy to Neil Davidson on account of the death of his mother, Mrs. J. C. Davidson.

We suggest that copies of this resolution be sent to Mrs. R. B. Holt, Walsh, Colorado, and Neil Davidson of Las Animas, and the others of next of kin who are available.

* * * * *

85th ANNUAL MEETING
BENT-PROWERS CATTLE AND HORSE GROWERS
ASSOCIATION

The 85th Annual Meeting of Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association was held in Lamar, Colorado, at American Legion Hall, on February 22, 1954.

A delicious dinner was served by the Lamar American Legion Auxiliary.

The meeting was called to order by Kelly Jackson, President. Short talks of welcome were made by Mayor Dillon and Lt. Governor Gordon Allott.

George McClave, Hal King, and Ken Varah were appointed as nomination Committee.

Report on the activities of Colorado Cattlemen's Association were given by Leavitt Booth, President; R. A. Burghart, Vice President; and Dave Rice, Secretary.

Rad Hall, Assistant-secretary, of American National Cattlemen's Association, gave a report on their activities.

E. Martin Larsen, Trust officer of Central Bank & Trust Co., Denver, gave the main address. He told of the problems created by inheritance tax laws and warned us that death taxes not anticipated in wills can result in unexpected depletion of estates, but advised everyone to make a will.

Dr. R. M. Riemenschneider, State Veterinary, reported on cattle quarantine in Southeast Colorado.

Mr. A. M. Eamsey, President of State Land Board, reported on work of the Board.

Representative Oakley Wade, called on us to take the lead in demanding land control laws that would make impossible such dust storms as was ranging during the meeting. Kelly Jackson appointed Phil Gilbert chairman with Hal King and Joe Perkins as members of the committee.

Robert Morrison announced Range Institute to be held in La Junta March 25th and Lamar March 26th.

Treasurer's and Secretary's reports were read and approved.

The following candidates were nominated and elected:

Marshall Dean, President; John Smartt, 1st Vice-president; Phil Gilbert, 2nd vice-president; Arthur S. Dean, Treasurer; C. A. Wood, Assistant-treasurer; Melva H. Busbey, Secretary; Roy P. Mathews, Robert L. Morrison, Newt Larrick, Richard C. Klett, Henry Manifor, Rex Walker, Kelly Jackson, Joe Autry, J. T. McEndree, J. W. Dawson, Jr., and Raymond McMillin, as Directors.

The next Annual Meeting to be held in Las Animas.

Melva H. Busbey, Secretary

Treasurers Report
of
THE BENT-PROWERS CATTLE AND HORSE GROWERS ASSN.
for 1953

Balance on Hand Feb. 1, 1953	825.64	
Assissments Collected	588.25	
 Total		 1413.89
Colorado Cattlemens Assn	323.25	
V. F. W. Auxiliary Dinner	85.75	
American Cattlemen Assn.	100.00	
Sec'y Expense	97.93	
Punch Bowl	47.50	
Ellison E. Ketchum	25.00	
Flowers for funeral	15.30	
Floyd Cross Foundation	150.00	
R. A. Burkhart	40.00	
Bank Expense	.90	
Balance on Hand Feb. 1, 1954	528.26	
Total		1413.89

Arthur Dean, Treasurer

* * * * *

86TH ANNUAL MEETING

BENT-PROWERS CATTLE & HORSE GROWERS ASSOCIATION

The 86th Annual Meeting of the Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association was held in Las Animas, Colorado at the City Hall, on February 19, 1955.

A delicious dinner was served by Auxiliary of Veterans of Foreign Wars of Las Animas, Colorado.

The meeting was called to order by Marshall Dean, President. Mayor Coffee gave address of welcome. Wilkie Ham introduced the special guests.

Kelly Jackson, Raymond McMillin and Robert L. Morrison were appointed to the nominating committee, and John Smartt, Phil Gilbert and J. T. McEndree resolutions committee.

Dave Appleton, Editor of American Producer, gave a brief report on American National Cattlemen's Association's activities.

Frances Murphy, President of Colorado Cattlemen's Association gave a report on their activities - they have 13 standing committees with 340 members working on 72 projects. There are three paid employees and the others donate their time and expenses.

Dave Rice, Secretary of Colorado Cattlemen's Association, gave a summary of pending legislation.

Dr. Riemenschneider, State Veterinarian, and Ray Burke, chief of animal industry division of Colorado Department of Agriculture, gave a detailed report on scabies outbreaks, quarantined areas, and what necessary to release areas from quarantine.

Ed Paul, State Brand Commissioner, told us their department would assist in every way to get the State out of scabies quarantine.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Res^olved that this Association cooperate in every way to get area of South-East Colorado released from quarantine of scabies.

Resolved that Bent-Prowers Association approved Wade house trucking bill.

We express our appriciation to Ezra Thaxton and Frank Nelson for their efforts in honoring the Old Timers and collection of old pictures: Mrs. Frank Nelson

for the table bouquet of red carnations in honor of her grand father John W. Prowers: Estelle McLaughlin and Worth Karnes for use of the chuck wagon: Mrs. Twilla Loop for mixed quartet and David Crites for accordian solos: First National Bank of Lamar for the cigars and pencils: Las Animas Chamber of Commerce, Arkansas Valley Journal, Bent County Democrat and Las Animas Leader for the publicity: Dick Hudnall for the barbecued beef; Auxiliary of V.F.W. of Las Animas for preparing and serving the delicious dinner: and everyone that assisted in the preparations for the meeting.

Further Resolved that the "Cowboy Hall of Fame" be located at Dodge City, Kansas, for the following reasons: In 1882, the first westbound pack train moved through Dodge City; In 1825, United States Army Engineers surveyed the Santa Fe route through Dodge City; In 1835 Fort Dodge was established as an Army outpost for the protection of the Trail; In 1872 Santa Fe rails reached Dodge City; In 1872 the first great trail herd arrived at Dodge City from Texas and during the next fourteen years Dodge City became known as the COWBOY CAPITAL OF THE WORLD: during this time also became Capital of Famous Trails as the Santa Fe, Chisholm, Goodnight, Pecos, Yellowstone, Shawnee and many others wound their way to Dodge City.

We regret the untimely passing of the following since the last meeting: Mrs. John Alexander; Roy Best; Mr. and Mrs. George Pointon; Ed Tanner and Nate Mendenhall of Granada.

We also regret the illness of Hurley Hayden of Granada and ask the Secretary to send him a note of good wishes.

The treasurers report was read and approved. Copy attached hereto.

Minutes were read and approved as read.

The following candidates were nominated and elected:

Marshall Dean, President; John Smartt, 1st vice-president; Phil Gilbert, vice-president; Arthur S. Dean, Treasurer; C. A. Wood, Assistant-Treasurer; Melva H. Busbey, Secretary; and Roy Mathews, Robert L. Morrison, Richard C. Klett, Henry Manifor, Kelly Jackson, William Walker, Joe Autry, J. T. McEndree, J. W. Dawson, Jr., Raymond McMillin, and Lyman Edgar; directors.

The next Annual Meeting to be held in Lamar, Colorado.

Melva H. Busbey
Secretary

Report of the Treasurer
The Bent Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Assn.
For 1954.

Balance in Bank February 1, 1954	528.26	
Collected dues	450.00	
Tickets sold at Banquet	220.00	
Total		1198.26
American Natl Livestock	100.00	
Dinner -Punch Bowl	347.50	
Colorado Cattlemen	305.00	
Ban Exp.	1.34	
Typing old record	61.25	
Secretary	52.72	
Balance on Hand Feb. 1, 1955	330.45	1198.26

Marshall Dean
Treasurer.

* * * * *

BENT-PROWERS CATTLE & HORSE GROWERS ASS'N

ANNUAL MEETING

The 87th Annual Meeting of our Association will be held in Lamar, Colorado, on Saturday, February 25, at the American Legion Hall. Registration will

begin at 11 A. M. featuring Cowboy's Punch Bowl.

There will be an organization of Junior Cattlemen boys and girls ages --10 to 21. Mr. Carl Carlson, Sponsor, as well as State Officers will be present to assist in the organization.

Grover Hill. President of Intermediate Credit Bank of Wichita, Kansas, will be the featured speaker.

There are several important subjects to discuss--tuberculosis, brucelosis, soil bank, etc. We will have men conversant with these subjects. Please come and bring your friends.

BENT - PROWERS CATTLE &
HORSE GROWERS ASS'N
Melva H. Busbey, Secretary

87th ANNUAL MEETING
BENT-PROWERS CATTLE & HORSE GROWERS
ASSOCIATION

The 87th Annual Meeting of Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association was held in Lamar, Colorado, at the American Legion Hall, on February 25, 1956.

A delicious roast beef dinner was served by the American Legion Auxiliary.

The meeting was called to order by President Marshall Dean. Mayor Dillon gave the address of welcome.

Lt. Governor Steve McNichols and Secretary of State George Baker gave officials greetings to us from State of Colorado.

Carl E. Carlson, Sponsor of Junior Colorado Cattlemen's Association told of their organization. Danny Alt president of Junior Association and also his father from Arkron were introduced.

A motion was made and approved that we sponsor a Junior Association.

R. A. Burghart, President of Colorado Cattlemen's Ass'n told of the work of our state association. Mrs. E. A. Burghart, President of Colorado Cowbells urged that we form a cowbell organization in this area. Mrs. Al Atchison, chairman of beef promotion of Colorado Cowbells stated that really big promotion job could only be done with assessment on every head of cattle.

Dave Rice, Secretary of Colorado Cattlemen's gave a report on legislative and tax work the state association does.

A. M. Ramsey, President of State Land Board and Ed Paul, State Brand Commissioner, gave reports.

Grover Hill, President of Intermediate Credit Bank of Wichita, Kansas, gave a wonderful talk. It was generally agreed that best speaker we have had, and we will keep trying until we get him to address us again.

Robert Parsons, Colorado Cattlemen's board of control member from southeast quarter of the State especially advised us to work on brucelosis program.

Minutes of previous meeting and treasurer's report were read and approved.

Nominating committee Kelly Jackson, George McClave and Raymond McMillin reported following: John H. Smartt, President; Phil Gilbert, 1st Vice-President; C. A. Wood, Vice-President; Mrs. Melva H. Busbey, Secretary; Arthur S. Dean, Treasurer; Edward Dean, Assistant-treasurer; Directors Roy Mathews, Robert Morrison, Richard C. Klett, Henry Manifer, Kelly Jackson, Joe Autry, J. T. McEndree, J. W. Dawson, Jr. Lyman Edgar, Rex Walker, Aaron Hasser and Marshall Dean. Report of nominating committee was approved.

Resolutions committee; Wilkie Ham, Phil Gilbert, Neil Davidson, Lyman Edgar, Wm. Walker, Roy Mathews, J. T. McEndree, and J. W. Dawson, Jr. submitted the following resolutions, which were adopted.

Melva H. Busbey, Secretary

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED AT THE
87th ANNUAL MEETING OF BENT-PROWERS CATTLE &
HORSE GROWERS ASSOCIATION, LAMAR, Feb. 25, 1956

RESOLVED that we approve the passage of Senate Bill 3198 to amend the Packers & Stockyards Act Sec. 317 (a) to permit the State of Colorado to enforce the State Brand Law which requires the inspection of all cattle consigned to markets regardless of their origin, and to collect a reasonable amount for that service; and that certain objectionable language in the bill should be stricken.

RESOLVED that we urge Governor Ed Johnson to appoint Henry Bledsoe, former President of Bent-Prowers Cattle & Horse Growers Association, A member of Colorado Fish and Game Commission.

RESOLVED that we urge our Department of Agriculture to take all possible steps to have lifted the quarantine of California and any other state or states requiring dipping or spraying of Colorado cattle shipped into those states.

RESOLVED That we commend Bob Burghart, President, and Dave Rice, Secretary, of Colorado Cattlemen's Association for their successful efforts in the Senate Bill No. 2; the enactment of the law permitting quarter horse racing in Colorado; and the reduction in tax valuation on livestock.

RESOLVED that -urge the voluntary vaccination of stock for Brucellosis and recommend the County Agent be informed of the vaccination.

RESOLVED that we extend our sympathies to Hal King and Charles Everhart for the loss of their wives; and the John Smartt family in the loss of their father.

We wish to thank the American Legion Auxiliary for the excellent dinner; First National Bank of Lamar for the cigars; the service clubs and news papers for their cooperation and support.

* * * * *

BENT-PROWERS CATTLE AND HORSE GROWERS ASS'N
ANNUAL MEETING

The 88th Annual Meeting of our Association will be held in Las Animas, Colorado, on Saturday, February 23, 1957, at the City Hall. Registration will begin at 11 A. M. featuring Cowboy's Punch Bowl.

Southeastern Colorado Junior Cattlemen's Ass'n will also hold its Annual Meeting.

Governor Steve McNichols will be the featured speaker.

Representatives from State and National Cattlemen's Association will be present as well as from State Land Board, Agriculture Department and Ed Paul, Brand Commissioner. Please come and bring your friends.

BENT-PROWERS CATTLE AND
HORSE GROWERS ASS'N

Melva H. Busbey, Secretary

Treasurers Report Bent Prowers Cattle
Growers Assn. for 1955.

Balance February 1. 1955	330.45	
Dues Collected	480.00	
Total		810.45
Colorado Cattle men	165.00	
Meeting and Punch Bowl	88.05	
American Natl Assn.	150.00	
Bank Exp.	3.00	
Secretary	76.10	
Trophies	28.56	
Bal in Bank Feb. 1, 1956	299.74	

Total

810.45

Arthar Dean
Treasurer.
Feb. 25, 1956

March 2, 1956

Dear Member or Stockman:

We had the best meeting, dinner and punch bowl at our 87th annual meeting and are sorry you were unable to attend.

A Junior Cattlemen's Association for Southeastern Colorado was organized. If you know any boys or girls from ages 10 to 21 that are interested, they may write to Alma Ann McAthur, Secretary, at Utleyville, Colorado.

The Bent-Prowers Association, through and with the Colorado Cattlemen's Association, gives the Stockmen unlimited support. The 1% reduction in assessed valuation of cattle alone more than warrants your membership in both Associations.

Dues for your local are \$5.00 a year, and for the State Association \$10.00 for 100 head or less, plus 7-cents per head on all over 100 head. Upon receipt of dues, membership cards will be forwarded to you and you will be on our mailing list for all important information.

Sincerely yours,
Mrs. Melva H. Busbey,
Secretary

Report for 1956 by Treasurer Bent
Prowers Cattle & Horse Growers Assn.,
Feb 23, 1957

Balance Feby 1, 1956	299.74
Assessments and dinner tickets	1112.57
Total	1412.31
Annual dinner and punch bowl	482.03
Colo. Cattle Men Assn.	242.57
American Natl	100.00
Alamo Hotel	7.50
Secretary expense	47.45
Ardansas Valley Journal	5.00
Brand Renewal	5.00
Bank Exp.	4.34
Jr. banquet and donation	136.03
Balance on Hand Feby 28, 1957	382.39.

Arthur Dean, Trea.

* * * * *

89th ANNUAL MEETING OF
BENT-PROWERS CATTLE & HORSE GROWERS ASSOCIATION

Lamar, Colorado on Saturday, February 22, 1958

At The American Legion Hall

Registration and Punch Bowl beginning at 11 A. M. with Dinner at Noon.

Governor Steve McNichols will speak to us immediately after the dinner. We will have representatives from American National and Colorado Cattlemen's Associations; National and Colorado Cowbells Associations and Junior Cattlemen's Association.

We hope you will be able to attend. Please indicate on the attached card and return as soon as possible.

BENT-PROWERS CATTLE & HORSE GROWERS ASSN.
Melva H. Busbey, Secretary

88th ANNUAL MEETING BENT-PROWERS
CATTLE & HORSE GROWERS ASS'N

The 88 Annual meeting of Bent-Prowers Cattle & Horse Growers Association was held at Las Animas, Colorado, at City Hall, on February 23, 1957.

A delicious roast beef dinner was served by the VFW Auxiliary.

John Smartt, President called the meeting to order. Mayor Coffee gave the address of welcome.

Frank Nelson introduced Governor Steve McNichols, who gave the featured address.

Raymond McMillin, sponsor of Southeastern Colorado Junior Cattlemen's Association, introduced the Juniors.

Roy Lilley and Dave Appelton gave report on American National.

Tom Field, and Dave Rice, Jr., President and Secretary of Colorado Cattlemen's Ass'n, both reported on State Associations activities, and also Bob Schafer, Bob Burghart, Bob Parsons, Don Berg.

Mrs. Russel Rose, Pres. of Colorado Cow belles gave a short talk.

Others introduced were: Mrs. Bob Burghart; Mrs Thomas, Secretary of C. A. V.; Ray Burke; Dick Goff; Ed Paul, State Brand Commissioner; Senator Lew Williams; Senator Wilkie Ham; Representative Forest Burns and Representative Robert Crites.

County Agents from Otero, Kiowa, Prowers, Baca, Bent and Las Animas counties were reintroduced.

A. T. McCarty, past President of CCA from Trinidad was present; Also Wallace Weininger, President of Crowley-Kiowa-Lincoln Ass'n.

News papers and magazines represented; Milton Booth, Arkansas Valley Journal; Earl Asbury, Bent County Democrat; Bob McDernot, Las Animas Leader; Marge Mundell Hate, Record Stockman; Dick Goff, Cattle Guard; and Dave Appelton of American Cattle producer.

The beautiful center piece was donated by Mrs. Frank Nelson, in memory of her grandfather John W. Prowers.

Keller Kitchen Band entertained us with their novelty kitchen band.

There were 24 calves donated to the Juniors by the Governor, and others.

Resolutions committee; Lyman Edgar, chairman, and George McClave, J. T. McEndree, and Joe Autry submitted the following resolutions, which were adopted and attached hereto.

Minutes of previous meeting and also treasurer's report were read and approved.

Nominating Committee: Raymond McMillin, chairman, Dick Klett and C. A. Wood, members; recommended the following: Phil Gilbert, President; C. A. Wood, 1st Vice-president; J. T. McEndree, Vice-president; Arthur S. Dean, Treasurer; Edward Dean, Assistant Treasurer; Mrs. Melva H. Busbey, Secretary; and Directors, Roy P. Mathews; Robert Morrison; Richard C. Klett; Henry Manifer; Kelly Jackson; Joe Autry; Lewis Robbins; J. W. Dawson, Jr.; Lyman Edgar; Rex Walker; Aaron Hasser; Marshall Dean; and John Smartt. They were unanimously elected.

Melva H. Busbey,
Secretary

RESOLUTIONS
BENT-PROWERS CATTLE & HORSE GROWERS
ASSOCIATION
February 23, 1957

1. Thank Governor McNichols for appointing Kelly Jackson to the State Land Board. Kelly has been a long time member of our Association, past president and present director.

2. Thank Wilkie Ham for his work on voting machine bill.
3. AGAINST the use of spray boxes in the treatment of infected and exposed cattle for scabies.
4. Thank the Assessors in our counties for their work on the tax committee.
5. That the Senate Bill by Senator Schutz be amended to require:
 - (a) A dock card showing the real name of the seller and owner; his address; the truck license no. before they are sold
 - (b) That a valid bill of sale or title be placed in the possession of the brand inspector before they are sold
 - (c) That consignments be in separate pens from other owners
 - (d) That the buyers account of sale and bill of sale show the buyers name and the consignor or seller's name before can be passed for resale.
 - (e) That adequate pens and alleys and facilities for inspection be available for all consignments.
6. That it is recommended that poultry producers be required to pay taxes on their poultry and assessed on number processed.
7. That we thank State Agriculture Commission for their better understanding, procedure and handling in the last outbreak of scabies.
8. That we thank Raymond McMillin for his outstanding work with the Southeastern Colorado Junior Cattlemen's Association.
9. Be it Further Resolved, at the 88th Annual Meeting of the Bent-Prowers Cattle & Horse Growers Association, held in Las Animas, Colorado, on this, the 23rd day of February, 1957, at the City Hall, that we recommend to our two United States Senators from Colorado. The Honorable Gordon L. Allot and The Honorable John A. Carroll, and to our United States Congressman, The Honorable J. Edgar Chenoweth, that they confer with the Federal Communications Commission, and encourage them to grant Channel 12 allocation to Lamar, Colorado, in order that the City of Lamar and Southeast Colorado, may be served by television as early as is at all possible, as we are one of the few areas in the whole country without adequate television reception.
10. Resolved that we extend our sympathies to the families of Jim Smith, Las Animas, Colorado. and Leslie VanCampen, Deora, Colorado.

You are Invited

R. M. McMillin of Carlton is inviting the members of the Southeast Colorado Cowbells, the Southeastern Colorado Juniors and the Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association for a fried chicken dinner at ...

Noon - Sunday - July 7, 1957 - At his Ranch

Located on Highway 50, east of Lamar.

Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association Melva H. Busbey, Secretary

* * * * *

89th ANNUAL MEETING BENT-PROWERS CATTLE & HORSE GROWERS ASS'N

The 89th Annual Meeting of the Bent-Prowers Cattle & Horse Growers Ass'n was Held at Lamar, Colorado, at the American Legion Hall, February 22, 1958.

A delicious beef dinner was served at noon by ladies of Legion Auxiliary to more than 400 members and guests.

Phil Gilbert, President, called the meeting to order. In vocation was given by Rex Walker. Mayor Beggs gave the address of welcome.

Frank Nelson introduced Governor Steve McNichols, who gave the featured address.

Raymond McMillin, Sponsor of Southeastern Junior Cattlemen's Ass'n, reported

on the progress of calf foundation. Fifteen more calves were donated to the Juniors.

Helen Crowe, President of Southeast Colorado Cowbells reported on the activities of the newly organized Association. She introduced Mrs. Yodi Burghart, President, and Mrs. Ida Mae Atchison, Secretary, of National Cowbelle Association. Mrs. Crowe also introduced Mrs. Mary Wadlow, President of Colorado Cowbelle Association.

Roy Lilley, Assistant Secretary of American National Cattlemen's Ass'n reported on the National activities.

Robert Schafer, President of Colorado Cattlemen's Ass'n and Bob Johnston Director of Southeast quarter of State for Colorado Cattlemen's gave reports on our state association.

Dr. Shambaugh and Ray Burke discussed brucellosis program and it was agreed to proceed with petitions and testing program.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Treasurer's report was read and accepted, a copy of which is added to the Secretary's book.

Lyman Edgar, chairman of resolutions submitted the following:

1. Thank the American Legion Auxiliary for the excellent dinner; thank First National Bank of Lamar for the cigars; and to thank Creaghe Packing Co. for the meat they contributed.
2. Commend the Cowbells for their outstanding work.
3. Suggest a program of vaccination be used to obtain accreditation for brucellosis so that will not have to test our herds of cattle again in three years.
4. We regret the untimely passing of the following; Matt Jones, Lamar; J. W. Dawson, Brandon; Harold Nolder, Lamar; John Hixon, Holly; George Blizzard, Lamar; Frank Crosson, La Junta; and John Stout, La Junta; and extend our sympathies to their families.

The resolutions were adopted as read.

Marshall Dean, chairman of nomination committee submitted the following: C. A. Wood, President; J. T. McEndree, 1st Vice-president; Lyman Edgar, Vice-president; Arthur S. Dean, Treasurer; Edward Dean, Assistant Treasurer; Melva H. Busbey, Secretary; and Directors Roy Mathews, Robert Morrison, Richard C. Klett, Henry Manifer, Kelly Jackson, Joe Autry, Lewis Robbins, J. W. Dawson, Jr., W. E. Rose, Aaron Hasser, Marshall Dean, John Smartt, and Phil Gilbert. They were unanimously elected.

Melva H. Busbey, Secretary

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BENT PROWERS CATTLE
AND HORSE GROWERS ASSN. FOR 1958

Balance on hand Feby 28, 1957	382.39	
Dues and ticket sales	1147.00	
Total		1529.39
Annual Dinner	495.00	
American Natl	100.00	
Colorado Cattlemen Assn.	406.00	
Bank Expense	3.20	
4H	21.95	
A. V. Journal	5.00	
Live Stock	10.00	
Floyd Cross	150.00	
Balance Feby 22, 1957	289.93	
Secy Exp.	48.31	
Total		1529.39
		Arthur Dean, Treasurer.

March 1, 1958

Dear Member or Stockman:

Our 89th annual meeting was one of the best, with more than 400 attending. We hope you can attend the next one.

The Bent-Prowerw Association, through and with the Colorado Cattlemen's Association, gives the stockmen unlimited support. We were able to keep the assessed valuation of cattle the same. The work done with legislation, FIGHTING against bills that would be detrimental as well as working for bills that benefit us, more than pays memberships in both the local and state associations.

Dues for your local are 5.00 dollars a year, and for the State Association 10 dollars for 100 head or less, plus 7 cents per head on all over 100 head. Upon receipt of dues, membership cards will be forwarded to you and you will be put on our mailing list for all important information.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Melva H. Busbey,
Secretary.

January 13, 1959

Dear Old Timer:

This year Colorado is celebrating "The Centennial of the Rush to the Rockies--1859--1959."

The Bent Prowers Association wants to help by making a special effort at its 90th annual meeting in Las Animas, Feb. 21, 1959. We are the oldest local cattle Association in the State with a great fund of pioneer history.

Would you help as an old timer by giving a short autobiography of your life--when and where you were born, came to Colorado, where you worked or operated, something about the times.

We want to work these events up in book form to be given as favors at the meeting so get this in by Feb. 1, 1959.

There will be a chuck wagon, pot rack, dutch ovens, bed rolls, rope corral, horses: everything as near like the old days as some of these old cow punchers can make it. The Cowbells in their old fashioned dresses and the Juniors riding short stirrups.

Yours for a hasty reply,

Melva Busbey,
Secretary

Feb. 10, 1959

Dear Member:

On Saturday, February 21, 1959, this Association will hold its 90th Annual Meeting in Las Animas, Colorado, at the Armory.

In cooperation with Centennial Rush to the Rockies, we will have on display old-time chuck wagon, rope corral, etc. The newspapers will take pictures between 11 and 12 noon to be included in their Centennial issues

Cowbells, if you have Gay Nineties dresses wear them.

The Cowbells and the Junior Associations will meet at 10 A. M. at the Armory.

Our President, C. A. Wood, will barbecue a beef, which will be served at noon by the V.F.W. Auxiliary. Price of the dinner will be \$1.50.

Oh, Yes! The Punch Bowl.

Our State and National Cattle Associations will be represented, as well as State Legislators.

Please come and bring your friends.

Yours very truly.

Secretary

* * * * *

90th ANNUAL MEETING OF BENT-PROWERS
CATTLE & HORSE GROWERS ASSOCIATION

The 90th Annual Meeting of the Bent-Prowers Cattle & Horse Growers Association was held at the Armor Las Animas, Colorado. on February 21, 1959.

A delicious barbecue dinner was served by V. F. W. Auxiliary to more than 550 members and guests, with many more viewing the old time exhibits.

President, C. A. Wood called the meeting to order. Dr. Cover, Mayor pro-tem, gave the address of welcome.

Dick Jones, President of Colorado Cattlemen's Ass'n gave a report on the State association's activities.

Dave Rice, executive Secretary, of Colorado Cattlemen's Association gave a report on current legislative problems and urged local associations to get behind state association in selling the cattle industry to the legislature so they will know our problems.

State Senator Wilkie Ham also urged the cattlemen to join our state association and to write their legislatures telling them what they think about pending legislation.

Mrs. Helen Crowe, President of Southeast Colorado Cowbells gave a report on their activities.

Mr. A. M. Ramsey, President of State Land Board, gave a report and Kelly Jackson introduced two of their field men, George Barton and Dan Scallon.

State Department of Agriculture was represented by Paul Swisher, Ray Burke, Leonard Roundtree, Dr. Shambough and Dr. Tobin. Dr. Tobin gave a report on brucellosis program.

Neighboring Associations present were Mr. Yoder, President of Lincoln County, and Mr. Monroe of Southeastern Colorado.

News Papers represented: John Wallize of Record Stockman; Arkansas Valley Journal; Lamar Daily News; Bent county Democrat; and Las Animas Leader.

The treasurer's report was read and approved.

Robert Morrison, chairman of resolutions committee, gave their committee report, which were adopted, and are attached hereto.

A motion was adopted that if Colorado Cattlemen's next Annual meeting be held in La Junta in 1960 that this Association's next Annual meeting would also be held in La Junta, Colorado.

Kelly Jackson, Raymond McMillin and Marshall Dean, Chairman, submitted the following officers and directors: J. T. McEndree, President; Lyman Edgar, 1st Vice-president; Edward Dean, Vice-president; Arthur Dean, Treasurer; Melva H. Busbey, Secretary; Directors, Roy Mathews, Robert Morrison, Richard C. Klett, Henry Manifer, Kelly Jackson, Joe Autry, Lewis Robbins, J. W. Dawson, Jr., W. E. Rose, George Blackburn, Aaron Hasser, Robert Mundell, Norris Anderson, Marshall Dean, John Smartt, Phil Gilbert and C. A. Wood. They were unanimously elected.

RESOLUTIONS

We recommend that the Bent-Prowers Cattle & Horse Growerw Ass'n continue to support the Southeastern Colorado Junior Cattlemen's Ass'n and especially thank those who have given active personal support.

We wish to thank the V. F. W. Auxiliary for the delicious dinner, and especially that President C. A. 'Butch' Wood for the badges and barbecue beef. Also thank Harry Owen for assisting with the beef and transportation of it.

We heartily ocmmend the brand inspectors for their promot^oaction in the recent scabie outbreak.

We especially wish to thank the Southeast Colorado Cowbelles for their active work in the livestock industry.

RESOLVED that this Association express its appreciation for the efforts of its officers and directors during the past year; and its gratitude for the work of Colorado Cattlemen's Association and American National Association in behalf of the cattle industry.

We support La Junta as the location for the 1960 Colorado Cattlemen's Association's Annual Convention and recommend that the 1960 meeting of this association be held in La Junta, Colorado.

We wish to thank the following: Las Animas Schools for the use of their chairs and P. A. system; Bent County for the tables; Mrs. Frank Nelson and A. B. Ham for the flower arrangements; Juniors for picking up the chairs and also returning them to the school; Las Animas Chamber Marshall Dean for the old time exhibits of chuck wagon, cooling equipment, horses in rope corral, etc.

We regret the passing of the following: Jim Murray; John Dwyer; Walt Durham; Herb Honsner; H. E. Albright, Kent France; and Rad Hall, Secretary of American National Association; and extend our sympathies to their families.

Robert Morrison, Chairman
George McClave
Roy P. Mathews

Report of Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Assn.

Arthur S. Dean, Treasurer.

Balance Feb. 22, 1958	289.93	
Dinner tickets sold	550.00	
Assessment dues	986.95	
Total		1,826.88

Dinner expense	576.26	
Colo. Cattlemen's Assn.	396.95	
American Nat'l Assn	100.00	
Arkansas Valley Journal	5.00	
Secy. expense	96.37	
Bank expense	4.06	
Peoples Flower Shop	18.65	
Balance Feb. 21, 1959	629.59	
Total		1,826.88

Arthur Dean, Treasurer

* * * * *

91st ANNUAL MEETING OF BENT=PROWERS CATTLE & HORSE GROWERS ASSOCIATION

The 91st Annual Meeting of the Bent-Prowers Cattle & Horse Growers Association was held at Otero Junior College, La Junta, Colorado on March 19, 1960.

A delicious dinner was served by Otero Home Demonstration Women to more than 300 members and guests.

President, J. T. McEndree called the meeting to order.

We were entertained by Walt Cranson family of La Junta, with a tumbling and trampoline act.

Roy Lilley, Secretary of American National Cattlemen's Ass'n. gave a report on their activities.

Otto Maul, of Kiowa, president of Colorado Cattlemen's Ass'n discussed work of the Association and urged support of CCA.

Senator Wilkie Ham of Lamar discussed the problems of interest to the cattle industry faced at the recent Legislative Session.

Dave Rice, Executive Secretary of Colorado Cattlemen's Ass'n discussed the cleavage between rural and urban interest and urged all cattlemen to be active members of the State Association.

State Department of Agriculture was represented by Paul Swisher, Leonard Roundtree and Ray Burke.

State Land Board President A. M. Ramsey and Mrs. Ramsey, also Kelly Jackson were on hand.

Ed Paul, State Brand Commissioner, also joined us for the meeting.

Colorado Cattlemen's officers present, Bob Burghart, Bob Johnston, Jr., and George McClave, in addition to Mr. Maul and Mr. Rice mentioned above.

County Agents from Otero, Baca and Bent were present.

Wilkie Ham gave the resolutions report which were adopted, and are attached hereto.

Kelly Jackson, Henry Manifor, Roy Mathews, and Bob Morrison, chairman, submitted the following officers and directors: Lyman Edgar, President; Edward Dean, First Vice-President; Joe Autry, Second Vice-President; Melva H. Busbey, Secretary; Arthur S. Dean, Treasurer; Directors, Roy Mathews, Robert Morrison, Richard C. Klett, Henry Manifor, Kelly Jackson, Lewis Robbins, J. W. Dawson, Jr., W. E. Rose, George Blackburn, Aaron Hasser, Robert Mundell, Norris Anderson, Marshall Dean, George McClave, Phil Gilbert, C. A. Wood, and J. T. McEndree. They were unanimously approved and elected.

The 92nd Annual Meeting to be held at Lamar, Colorado.

The Treasurer's report was approved as read.

The Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association, at their 91st Annual Meeting held at La Junta, Colorado, March 19, 1960, adopted the following Resolutions:

1. Due to the severe weather and unusually deep snow, stockmen have experienced undue hardships because of lack of pasture and other feed. We, therefore, request the local and State A. S. C. Committees, and all others in authority to extend the deadline for grazing soil bank wheat, barley, and rye from April 15th for(60) sixty days, or until June 15, 1960.
2. We request and recommend that the Local and State A.S.C. Committees, and all others in authority, extend the removal date on deferred grazing of grass land from April 1st to May 1st, each and every year thereafter.
3. We recommend that the National Cattlemen's Association make an immediate study in regard to the problem of increased imports of beef. This is a serious problem and definite action should be taken in the near future.
4. We request a Certified calf-hood vaccination program in lieu of the impractical testing program now in effect.
5. We oppose the trend to centralizing the State Government in Denver. We note that there has been a move to try and do away with Local Administration of welfare, assessments of taxes, the operation of our schools, the issuance of drivers

licenses, here as well as in other areas. We feel the Local Administrators can best know the wishes of the people and do a better job of administration than one run from the State Capitol.

6. We are opposed to the sales ratio as a guide for distribution of money for school aid. We believe the county Assessor and the county Commissioners are best qualified to know the value of property.

7. We have confidence in the members of the State Board of Land Commissioners and hope the State Legislative Council study the State Land Board operation and look at the over-all picture before making any hasty decisions.

8. We compliment Otto Maul, President, Dave Rice, Executive Secretary, and the Legislative Committee of the Colorado Cattlemen's Association for their outstanding work in protecting our interests in the past session of the State Legislature.

9. We thank Mrs. Christine Herndon for preparing the excellent meat for our dinner; the Otero Home Demonstration Women for preparing the meal, and the Otero 4-H Girls for serving it. We also thank the Otero Junior College for the use of their buildings, the La Junta Chamber of Commerce for their help in arranging the meeting and assisting with the reception of some 400 cattlemen. We also thank the Cransons for their tumbling act entertainment.

10. We wish to pay our respects to the following old stockmen who have gone to their last round-up since the meeting a year ago, and extend our condolences to their surviving relatives:

John Rawlings, Las Animas; John Goodpasture, Higbee; A. F. (Big Boy) Ogden, Pritchett; Harve Kett, Springfield; Frank Thompson, Lamar; Steve Cline, Mc Clave; Glen Junlap, Eads; and Dave Amos, Las Animas.

Wilkie Ham, Norris Anderson, Aaron Hasser, W. E. Rose, Robert Mundell, George Blackburn, Joe Autry, and J. W. Dawson, Jr., Committee.

Annual Report Bent Prowers Cattle
and Horse Growers Assn. for 1959

Balance Feby 1, 1959	629.59
Dues and Tickets	1870.50
Total	2498.09
Annual Meeting and dinner expense	898.53
American Cattlemen assn.	100.00
Colorado Cattlemen Assn.	408.00
Secy Expense	70.39
Bank Expense	.52
Arkansas Valley Journal	15.00
Telegrams	3.50
Floyd Cross Foundation	150.00
Tickets for 1960 meeting	7.50
Balance March 1st 1960	844.65

Total 2498.09

Authur Dean, Treasurer

March 28, 1960

Dear Member or Stockman:

For the first time, we are host to the Annual Convention of Colorado Cattlemen, Cowbelles and Junior Associations. You can help make this convention a success by attending. We need a good representation from the local associations. PLEASE make every effort to attend. June 9, 10, and 11.

We are hoping to pay for the programs with advertisements in the Cattle Guard, from business firms and stockmen. These ads cost \$5.00 for the smallest space to \$135 for a full page advertisement. PLEASE give us your help and take an AD! The program must go to the printers by April 15th.

Everyone should register. We hope the members of our five counties will return one of the enclosed blanks with his or her check.

The registration fee includes a barbecue dinner, banquet, dance, etc. On Friday evening the Koshare Indian dancers will entertain us, and on Saturday the banquet will be followed by a dance. Registration of the Cowbells will also include a tea on Thursday and luncheons on Friday and Saturday. In case you plan to spend the nights, please indicate your preference.

Will you please send your check for dues, if you have not already done so? The local dues are \$5.00, and the state dues are a minimum of \$10.00 for 100 head plus 7¢ a head thereafter. The State Association is constantly on the alert--protecting the interests of the cattlemen. Their influence is measured by the number of members they represent. PLEASE JOIN and HELP all of us.

Sincerely yours,

Melva H. Busbey,
Secretary

* * * * *

92nd ANNUAL MEETING OF BENT-PROWERS
CATTLE & HORSE GROWERS ASSOCIATION

The 92nd Annual Meeting of Bent-Prowers Cattle & Horse Growers Association was held at American Legion Hall, Lamar, Colorado, February 25, 1961. Invocation was given by Rex Walker.

A delicious dinner was served by the American Legion Auxiliary, to approximately 325 members and guests.

President Lyman Edgar called the meeting to order. Mayor Bowman gave the address of welcome.

Governor McNichols gave the main address and answered questions from the audience.

Mike Swift talked for Cowboy Hall of Fame.

Carolyn Edgar, President of Southeastern Colorado Junior Cattlemen's Ass'n gave a report on their activities.

SI Bertheson, President of Colorado Cattlemen's Ass'n gave a report on their activities;

Everett Marshall gave us report of progress on Boy's Town at La Junta. Several calves were donated to the project.

Other Colorado Cattlemen's Ass'n Board present: Bob Parsons, Trinidad, Bob Johnston, Jr., Fowler; Past Presidents Robert Schafer, Boyero. and Bob Burghart of Colorado Springs.

Robert Schafer urged passing of House Bill 289 - calfhood vaccination for brucellosis, which he was sponsoring in legislature.

State Land Board was represented by A. M. Ramsey, Kelly Jackson and George Barton. Earl Brown, Brand Commissionior, and Ray Burke of State Senator of Lamar discussed legislative matters.

Reward Posters for \$250.00 were given along with membership.

Resolutions Committee: Wilkie Ham, chairman, Dick Klett, Joe Autry and J. T. McEndree. Resolutions were presented by Wilkie Ham and adopted, copy attached hereto.

Nomination Committee: George McClave, Chairman, C. A. Wood and Phil Gilbert.

George McClave submitted the following officers and directors: Edward Dean, President; Joe Autry, first Vice President; Wm. E. Rose, Second Vice-President; Melva H. Busbey, Secretary; Arthur S. Dean, Treasurer: Directors: Roy P. Mathews, Robert Morrison, Richard C. Klett, Henry Manifor, Kelly Jackson, Lewis Robbins, J. W. Dawson, Jr., George Blackburn, Aaron Hasser, Robert Mundell, Norris Anderson, Marshall Dean, George McClave, Phil Gilbert, C. A. Wood, J. T. McEndree, and Lyman Edgar.

George McClave presented \$50.00 gift certificates to Lyman Edgar, Robert Morrison and Melva H. Busbey expressing the Association's gratitude for work on Colorado Cattlemen's Ass'n's annual Meeting at La Junta in June 1960.

Treasurer's report was read and approved.

The Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association at this 92nd annual meeting held at Lamar, Colorado, February 25, 1961, hereby resolve as follows:

1. We express our gratitude and appreciation to Lyman Edgar, Bob Morrison, Joe Autry, Melva Busbey, Evelyn Blackburn, the Cowbells and all others who helped to make the annual meeting of the Colorado Cattlemen's Association held in La Junta, Colorado last June such an outstanding success.

2. We express our opposition to proposed legislation for condemnation of private property to obtain access to public land, and recommend that additional study and efforts be made to solve the problem.

3. We have confidence in the members of the State Board of Land Commissioners. We commend the State Legislative Council Committee and their study of the State Land Board.

4. We compliment Si Bertelson, President, Dave Rice, Executive Secretary, and the Legislative Committee of the Colorado Cattlemen's Association for their work in protecting our interests in the state legislature.

5. We recommend that proposed legislation that imported livestock products be labeled as such, be passed.

6. We recommend calfhood vaccination as a means of recertification of modified certified Brucelousus areas, and recommend the passage of House Bill 289 now pending in the State Legislature.

7. We extend our condolences to A. B. Ham, a member of our Association for the past 65 years, in his present illness and wish him a speedy recovery.

8. We express our appreciation to the First National Bank of Lamar for the cigars and other good work in behalf of our Association; the American Legion Auxiliary for the excellent meal; the Arkansas Valley Journal, the Junior Cattleman's Association, the Lamar Daily News and the other newspapers for their favorable coverage of our annual meeting. We appreciate the attendance of State Representative and Mrs. Sam Boyden of Delta and State Representative and Mrs. Robert Schafer of Hugo.

9. We wish to pay our respects to the following old stockmen who have gone to their last round-up since the meeting a year ago, and extend our condolences to their surviving relatives:

Johnnie Layton, Kenton, Oklahoma; John Smartt, McClave, Colorado; Harry Heath, Lamar, Colorado; and Elmer Wagner, Lamar, Colorado.

RECEIPTS

Balance - 3/1/1960	834.65
Memberships - local 142 @ \$5.00	710.00
Registrations, ads, and dues paid	
Colorado Cattlemen's (paid by our members)	174.42
Southern Colorado Livestock (assistance with	
CCA Convention)	100.00
Dinners - annual dinner	443.00
Share of CCA Convention	<u>1,253.51</u>

Disbursements

American National Annual Dues	100.00	
Colorado Cattlemen's - Annual Dues	200.00	
Secretary's expenses - postage, phones, printing, etc.	94.30	
Floyd Cross Foundation	150.00	
Floyd Cross Foundation (misplaced and returned Check #178 written 11/12/1958)	150.00	
Arkansas Valley Journal - Ad for Father's Day	5.00	
Coloradoan's for Sound Government	125.00	
Annual Dinner Expense	536.82	
CCA Convention Expenses	247.39	
Registrations, ads & dues - CCA	174.42	
Southern Colo. Livestock	100.00	
Two meetings Palace Coffee Shop	20.00	
Bank Charges	3.48	
Total Disbursements		1,906.41
Balance 1/31/1961		1,609.17

March 10, 1961

Dear Member or Stockman:

We missed you at our 92nd Annual meeting in Lamar. It was a nice day and approximately 400 Cowbells and Juniors joined us for the meeting and Punch Bowl.

The Bent-Prowerw Association, together with the Colorado Cattlemen's Association, gives the stockmen unlimited support in its continuous battle to keep legislation from favoring large cities. Senator Wilkie Ham strongly recommended that every stockman belong to our State Association. It FIGHTS the bills that are detrimental as well as working for the beneficial ones, and the more members we have, the more successful we can be.

Dues for the local are \$5.00 per year; and for the State Association, \$10.00 per 100 head or less, plus 7¢ per head on all over 100 head. Upon receipt of dues, membership cards will be forwarded to you and you will be kept abreast on important events, legislation, etc.

Our Association has "Rustler Reward" posters available for members to put up. One will be included with your membership.

WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT--Locally and on State level.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Melva H. Busbey,
Secretary.

Jan. 2, 1962

Dear Member and Stockman:

The Colorado Cattlemen's Association has a plan for building a fund of \$100,000.00, to be invested and the interest only to be used for emergencies. We are continually plagued with problems such as the coming re-apportionment battle as well as tax battles, etc. These strain our finances. Our money is presently raised by dues only. (Many stockmen do not pay dues.) This Foundation Trust Fund is being accumulated thru sales of calves, donated by members each year. Many Colorado Cattlemen Association members have donated as many as six calves and some have given money additionally.

Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association plans to do our part this year by having members deliver a steer calf to the La Junta Livestock Commission Company for the February 5, 1962, sale. We suggest you contact your neighbors and send calves in groups--preferably the day before the sale. Please let's show them that our Association members can also respond. Remember this money is needed to fight our own battles.

Every member should get at least one new member before our 93rd annual noon dinner meeting at the Armory in Las Animas on February 24, 1962. We will have an interesting and informative meeting, so come early and visit.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS BENT-PROWERS
CATTLE & HORSE GROWERS ASSOCIATION.

Melva H. Busbey, Secretary.

* * * * *

93rd ANNUAL MEETING OF BENT-PROWERS
CATTLE & HORSE GROWERS ASSOCIATION

The 93rd Annual meeting of Bent-Prowers Cattle & Horse Growers Association was held at the Armory in Las Animas, Colorado, February 24, 1962.

At 10:30 A. M. Captain DeSolvo and Lt. Vess of the State Patrol met with the Sheriffs, brand inspectors and Lewis Edmundson, member of State Brand Board, re livestock thefts.

A delicious dinner was served by F.F.W. Auxiliary to approximately 300 people. Mayor Coffee gave the address of welcome.

Dr. Henry Hudek, of Department of Economics and Sociology, from Colorado State University gave a lengthy address on foreign trade and tariff problems but declared the European Common Market and any trade deals made with them would have little if any effect on the cattle industry.

Lt. Governor Bob Knous explained the soaring state budgets as resulting from greatly increased aid to education and a stepped up improved program for all state institutions.

Robert Parson, President of Colorado Cattlemen's Ass'n asked for continued support of CCA, saying a tough battle to get anything through legislature.

Bob Johnston, Jr., chairman of CCA Trust Foundation thanked the group for their contribution to the Fund of \$3,135.27.

Dudley Campbell, Secretary of American National Cattle Ass'n spoke briefly on the dangers of indirect controls facing the cattle industry, thru such means as feed grain program, land use programs, tariff programs, P & S Act regulations and other indirect means of controlling the industry.

Forest Burns, Representative from Prowers and Baca Counties, told of the winning battle in the legislature against Sales Ratio and for a gross income factor in school aid distribution.

Senator Wilkie Ham talked on reapportionment. Saying it was up to the rural people to defeat any measure that redistricts on population alone in both houses and does not consider area representation.

Dave Rice, Secretary of CCA talked on last legislation session.

Kay Osborne, President of Juniors gave a report on their activities. New officers: Kay Osborne, Lamar, President; Jake Autry, La Junta, Vice-president; Gary Campbell, Rte 2, Lamar, Secretary-treasurer; Lynden Gill, McClave, Historian; Resette Miller, Lamar, and Richard Robbins, Walsh, directors for 2 years; Rayenna Yates, McClave, and Joe Edgar, Rocky Ford, Directors for 1 year.

John May, Executive Secretary of Boy's Ranch, thanked the group for the calves donated to Boy's Ranch and told some of work that has been done.

Don Collins, Past President of American National Cattlemen's Ass'n gave a short talk explaining why he donated so much time to that office.

Marshall Dean obtained unanimous approval for a drinking fountain in memory of A. B. Ham for the Bent County Hospital.

Following were introduced: Ray Burke of State Department of Agriculture; Mrs. Ramsey and A. M. Ramsey of State Land Board; County Agents Bruce Whitmore and George Zonitch; Don Berg, Harry Bierne and John Guyman of Southern Colo. Livestock Ass'n.

Marshall Dean read the Treasurer's report and explained that Arthur Dean after serving the Association for 43 years had asked to be retired.

Resolutions Committee: Robert Morrison, Chairman, Lyman Edgar and Wilkie Ham. Bob gave the resolutions report which was adopted and is attached hereto.

Nominating Committee: George McClave, Chairman, gave report as follows: President, Joe Autry; 1st Vice President, Wm. E. Rose; 2nd Vice President, George Blackburn; Marshall Dean, Treasurer; Melva H. Busbey, Secretary; Directors: Roy Mathews, Robert Morrison, Richard C. Klett, Henry Manifor, Kelly Jackson, Lewis Robbins, J. W. Dawson, Jr., Dan Sniff, Aaron Hasser, J. Marvin Wilhite, Robert Mundell, Norris Anderson, Wallace Wineinger, George McClave, Phil Gilbert, C. A. Wood, J. T. Mc Endree, Lyman Edgar and Edward Dean. Unanimously elected.

Melva H. Busbey, Secretary

* * * * *

RECEIPTS

Balance January 31, 1961		\$1,609.17
Memberships - local - 2/1/61 to 1/31/62 165 @ \$5.00	\$825.00	
Colorado Cattlemen's Ass'n memberships (paid to local association together with local dues)	424.00	
Dinners - 1961 annual meeting	444.50	
Sale of reward posters	6.00	1,669.50
Total Receipts and beginning balance		\$3,278.67

DISBURSEMENTS

American National Ass'n	100.00
Colorado Cattlemen's Ass'n	200.00
Floyd Cross Foundation	150.00
Colorado Cattlemen's Ass'n - local association's share of cost of truck rate battle	175.00
Gifts presented to Lyman Edgar, Bob Morrison and Melva H. Busbey (CCA state convention)	150.00
Ads - Beef for Father's Day	30.00
Dinner - Art Dean Family	20.00
Flowers - (Smartt, Wood & M. H. Busbey)	21.03
Bank Charges	1.54
Printing reward posters	50.00
Stationary, printing, postage, phones	64.31
Directors meetings - Hotel	20.00
Colorado Cattlemen's Ass'n - dues paid to local association for CCA memberships	424.00

Disbursements continued:

1961 Annual dinner expenses:

Punch bowl	126.85	
Meat	82.80	
American Legion Auxiliary	<u>406.25</u>	615.90

Las Animas Armory - 1962 annual meeting
and cleaning Armory afterwards

25.00

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS

2,047.48

Balance

\$1,231.19

The foregoing Secretary-Treasurer (s) financial report for the period January 31, 1961 through January 31, 1962 of the

BENT-PROWERS CATTLE & HORSE GROWERS ASSOCIATION

is found to be in all respects correct. Beginning and ending balances, deposit slips and checks correspond with amounts of expenditures, and receipts.

Date of Audit: February 23rd, 1962.

Audited by C. P. Bryant.

C. P. Bryant

Note; The association is to be congratulated on having selected competent people in the handling of its finances.

C.P.B.

* * * * *

RESOLUTIONS

We commend Bob Parsons, President; Dave Rice, Executive Secretary; the Legislative Committee; and the Board of Control of Colorado Cattlemen's Ass'n, and American National Cattlemen's Ass'n for their work in protecting our interests in the State Legislature, Congress, and elsewhere.

We express our appreciation to the V.F.W. Auxiliary for the excellent dinner; The Armory for the use of the building; Mr. Robinette and FFA boys for getting the tables and chairs; the Arkansas Valley Journal, Bent County Democart, Las Animas Leader, Lamar Daily News, Pueblo Chieftain, and other newspapers for their coverage of our Annual Meeting.

We appreciate the efforts of the law enforcement agencies and the Brand Inspection Service in controlling livestock thefts. We strongly urge our members and other cattlemen to work closely with them to enforce brand and trucking regulations. Cooperation with law enforcement officials can best help them to help us by discovering thieves and bringing them to trial.

WHEREAS, coyotes have become a great menace to livestock and poultry in this area, and Whereas, it is impossible for producers of livestock and poultry to effect any practical destruction of coyotes. We hereby urge the Federal Government to put sufficient money into the program to bring about the elimination of this menace and that copies of this resolution be sent to U. S. Senators and Representatives in Congress, and to the Secretary of Interior, Stewart Udall.

WHEREAS, there is a movement to reapportion the Legislature in Colorado on the basis of population, to the detriment of the rural tax paying areas of Colorado to the extent that we urge our officers to take appropriate steps to protect our representation in the Legislature with respect to any constitutional or initiated proposals for the coming election.

We wish to honor the memory of members and friends of this Association deceased since our last meeting: Frank Harriman, Otis Huffman; Mrs. Kelly Jackson, wife of Past President Kelly Jackson; and A. B. Ham, a pioneer Bent County cattleman who came to Bent County in 1887 and was engaged in the cattle business until his death in July 1961, and a member of this Association since 1895.

Robert Morrison, Chairman
Lyman Edgar, Wilkie Ham

February 25, 1962

Dear Bob:

Following is the list of doners to the Endowment Trust:

Calves donated at February sale on 5th)

Wallace Weininger (Lincoln-Crowley Ass'n)	\$ 245.00
(Scotch Highlander bull calf)	

Aaron Hasser, Lamar, Colo.; John Smartt Ranch, McClave

Florence Cain (Cain Ranch), So. Route, Lamar, Colo.

Robert L. Morrison, Rte 2, Rocky Ford, Colorado

Harry Kinsley, Rte 4, Las Animas, Colorado

Chas. E. Everhart, Rte 2, Las Animas, Colo. Lyman Edgar, Rte 2, Rocky Ford, Colo.

Ray & R. G. Edgar, Rte 2, Rocky Ford, Colo.

Ralph Queen, Box 225, Las Animas, Colo.; Oscar Hasser, Hasty, Colo.

George Blackburn, Hasty, Colo.; Ray Blackburn, Box 444, Las Animas, Colo.

F. C. Sniff & Son, Rte 2, Lamar, Colo.

Dan Sniff, Rte 2, Lamar, Colo.

Tree Top Ranch, McClave, Colo.

Total from Sale ring	2,025.27
----------------------	----------

Checks sent you (Additional on bull calf)	10.00
---	-------

R. H. Klett, 738 Sixth St., Las Animas, Colo.	100.00
---	--------

Wm. E. Rose & Son, Rte 2, Eads, Colo.	100.00
---------------------------------------	--------

Spady Bros., Rte 2, Las Animas, Colo.	100.00
---------------------------------------	--------

Checks enclosed:

Phil Gilbert, Box 108, Lamar, Colo.	100.00
-------------------------------------	--------

John Etchart, 1005 W. 6th St., Las Animas, Colo.	100.00
--	--------

Robert Mundell, Walsh, Colo.	100.00
------------------------------	--------

Felix Mundell, Walsh, Colo.	100.00
-----------------------------	--------

Raymond McMillin, Lamar, Colo.	100.00
--------------------------------	--------

Harry R. Abrams, Rte 2, Eads, Colo.	100.00
-------------------------------------	--------

Jake O. Broyles, 907 S. 7th, Lamar, Colo.	100.00
---	--------

J. T. McEndree, Rte 2, Springfield, Colo.	100.00
---	--------

I know of two more that are coming in (I hope) First National Bank of Lamar, and Neil Davidson of Las Animas. Mr. McMillin told me to write the bank and they would send it. Neil was to bring his yesterday but he was not there.

We picked up some new CCA members as well as some past due ones yesterday. Thanks for coming.

Sincerely,

* * * * *

April 1, 1962

Dear Member and Stockman:

We are sorry you did not get to our 93rd Annual Meeting.

The Bent-Prowers Association, together with the Colorado Cattlemen's Association, gives the stockmen unlimited support in its continuous battle to keep legislature, etc., from favoring large cities. IT FIGHTS our battles, and the more members we have, the more successful we can be. The big issue facing us now is REAPPORTIONMENT OF THE STATE LEGISLATURE. It will take a lot of work, money and members to see that we are not the forgotten people.

Dues for the local are \$5.00 per year; and for the State Association, \$10.00 per 100 head or less, plus 7 cents per head on all over 100 head. Upon receipt of dues, membership cards will be forwarded to you.

WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT--YOU NEED OUR SUPPORT--Locally and on the State Level.

Sincerely,

Secretary.

in 1958, CCA started an endowment fund with an ultimate goal of \$100,000, to be invested and the income only used for emergencies, such as the coming reapportionment battle. February 1962, our local association sought support of the Endowment Fund.

The donation of calves and cash totalled over \$3,000. This has been turned in to the Fund and we have more pledges. We hope we can send that much more by CCA Annual Convention at Sterling in June. Let's all help carry the load.

* * * * *

Welcome Cowboy!

The members of this organization appreciate your decision to join with us in our vigilance on livestock producers problems.

We meet once a year as a group and always have a very outstanding program. Every cowboy attends this meeting to renew old acquaintances. If you have a problem appropriate to our function, any officer or board member will be glad to give assistance.

We are affiliated with the American National Cattlemen's Association and the Colorado Cattlemen's Association and carry a voice in those organizations according to our numbers.

Today, with strong, well-financed organizations representing other groups on the local, state and national level, it is increasingly necessary that every stockman support his organization so that we will be able to keep our heads above water in the economic swim. This becomes more important each year since our numbers are dwindling while city populations are increasing.

Ours is a loose-knit outfit with non-paid officers and directors. We hope you find our aims worthy of your continued support year after year. Dues are due on the annual meeting date. Reminding or looking up delinquent members is an expense we would like to eliminate.

WELCOME ABOARD, PARDNER!

Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association

By _____

* * * * *

July 20, 1962

Dear Members:

The Cowbells, Cowmen and Families are planning a get together for August 5, 1962, at the Boy's Ranch North of La Junta, Colorado. Weather permitting it will be out of doors, but there are facilities to have it inside.

The meat and drink will be furnished, but please bring your own table service and enough salad, desert or something for your own family.

WE DO HOPE YOU CAN JOIN US FOR A FUN EVENING.

Sincerely,

Secretary

* * * * *

94th ANNUAL MEETING OF BENT-PROWERS
CATTLE & HORSE GROWERS ASSOCIATION

The 94th Annual Meeting of the Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Ass'n was held at the American Legion Hall in Lamar, Colorado February 23, 1963.

A delicious dinner was served by the American Legion Auxiliary. Dick Eddleman gave the invocation and Wilson Clark of Lamar Chamber of Commerce gave the address of welcome.

Jim Read, County Agent of Prowers County, thanked the group for the meat displayed in the freezer of winning booth at State Fair and also thanked the Cowbells for manning the booth. Jim McEndree thanked the group for allowing him to purchase the top 4 H animal at the Baca County Harvest Show and Fair.

Howard Probst, Administrative Assistant, to Gov. John Love, expressed the Governor's regret that he could not attend the meeting. Mr. Probst's talk mostly discussed the dangers to the American way of life in the per cent of the average man's earnings siphoned off for support of local, state, and national government, etc.

Mrs. Everett Marshall, President of Cowbells brought greetings to the Association.

Several dignataries were introduced: Mr. Ramsey and Mr. Schultz (and their wives) of the State Land Board; Paul Swisher, Commissioner of Agriculture; Bob Steinbeck of State Chamber of Commerce; State Senators and Representatives; County Agents, etc.

Mr. McMillin talked about the Junior Association. Everett Marshall presented Mr. McMillin with Golden Horseshoe award from the Colorado Boy's Ranch of La Junta for his work with the youth. Mr. Marshall discussed the Boy's Ranch and invited us to their open house, introducing the supervisors at the Ranch.

Dave Rice, Jr., Executive Secretary of Colorado Cattlemen's Ass'n reported on legislature and John Boyd reported on membership drive.

Dr. Cox of U.S.D.S. Animal Disease Eradication Department reported on status of nationwide brucellosis free program and pointed out the counties in our area not completed.

Bob Parsons of Weston and Wallace Wineinger of Ordway both attacked the present brucellosis eradication program.

Earl Brown, State Brand Commissioner, reported on status of recent cattle thefts in Baca County and praised Dave Rice and Wilkie Ham for their work in getting F.B.I. in on the case.

Wilkie Ham praised the brand commissioner and the brand inspectors on their work with cattle thefts, etc., and also the rural people on the passage of Amendment #7 in the last election.

Jake Autry gave a report on the Junior Association. There are 114 members and 105 of them have calves. The new officers of the Junior Association are: Jake Autry, President; Richard Robbins, Vice-president, Walsh; Sr. Secretary-treasurer, Rosetta Miller Jones of Lamar; Junior Secretary-treasurer is Raeanna Yates of McClave; Reporter, Lynden Gill of McClave; Historian, Ernie Gill of McClave; 2 year directors, James Reyher of McClave and Karen Hiath of La Junta; 1 year director, Jack Ebright of Hasty and David Hiath of La Junta.

George Blackburn, chairman of the resolutions committee, read the resolutions, which were unanimously adopted, and are attached hereto.

Marshall Dean gave the treasurer's report - approved as read.

Lyman Edgar, chairman of Nominating Committee of Marshall Dean and Jim McEndree, reported as follows: Wm. E. Rose, Eads, President; Goerge Blackburn, Las Animas, First Vice-president; Robert Mundell, Walsh, Second Vice-president; Marshall Dean, Las Animas, Treasurer; and Melva H. Busbey, McClave, Secretary. Directors as follows: Robert Morrison, Rocky Ford; Richard C. Klett, Las Animas; Henry Manifor, Las Animas; Kelly Jackson, Eads; Lewis Robbins, Walsh; Dan Sniff, Hasty; Aaron Hasser, Lamar; J. Marvin Willhite, Holly; Norris Anderson, Arlington; Wallace W. Wineinger, Ordway; Lewis Mathews, Springfield; Paul Pierson, Lamar; R. B. Bamber, Lamar; Clyde Frazee, Eads; George McClave, McClave; Phil Gilbert, Lamar; C. A. Wood, Eads; J. T. McEndree, Springfield; Lyman Edgar, Rocky Ford; Edward Dean, Las Animas; and Joe Autry, La Junta. The above were unanimously elected.

Melva H. Busbey
Secretary

* * * * *

WHEREAS: There has been a great amount of Cattle theft in Southeastern Colorado and especially recently. Among other thefts, it is reported that Ralph Queen, South of Caddoa in Bent County, last year had some thirty head of calves stolen at one time and that Lail Schmidt approximately a month ago had twenty head of yearlings stolen by truck in his pasture, northeast of Lamar. In Baca County about November 26, George Hallock had thirteen head stolen from his feed yeard in Springfield, Colorado and at the same time Mr. Bitner had some thirteen head stolen from his feed lot near Walsh, Colorado, which cattle were transported across the state line and sold.

The parties in the theft stated to officers, they had stolen some fifty-six head in Baca County and transported them across state lines.

WHEREAS: Modern methods of transportation and brand inspection laws of other states make it practically impossible for local authorities to adequately follow their cattle into other states;

We, the Board of Directors of the Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association, representing the Cattlemen of Southeastern Colorado, request: The F.B.I. and the United States District Attorney for the District of Colorado to take immediate steps to investigate the acts of and prosecute Mr. Brite and Sharpe now charged in the District Court of Baca County, Colorado.

We are informed by Earl Brown, the Colorado Brand Commissioner of his conference with the F.B.I., a copy of the Commissioner's letter is attached.

We do not intend in any way to criticize the conduct or capacity of the local peace officers or prosecuting officers, we feel in the present case and similiar cases the federal authorities are better able to cope with such a situation and if it is necessary for the state to delay its prosecution in order to give the federal authorities awhile to act, we so request.

At the same time we feel that it is the stockmen who are the ones suffering the losses, and that adequate prosecution under two different laws for two different offices should not depend upon who gets started first.

We desire that copies of this resolution be sent to the District Attorney, Shinn, to the F.B.I., to the United States District Attorney, The Colorado Cattlemen Association and the American National Cattlemen Association.

Unanimously adopted December 19, 1962, at Las Animas, Colorado, at a meeting called by Joe Autry, President of La Junta, Colorado.

RESOLUTIONS

We commend Jack Wadlow, President; Dave Rice, Jr., Executive Secretary; the legislative committee; and the Board of Control of Colorado Cattlemen's Ass'n; and the American National Cattlemen's Ass'n for their work in protecting our interests in the State legislature, U. S. Congress, and elsewhere.

We express our appreciation to the American Legion Auxiliary for the excellent dinner; Legion for use of the hall; to the press - Arkansas Valley Journal and other papers in the area; the Radio stations for the coverage of our annual meeting; and to Mrs. P. A. Mattison for the floral arrangement donated in memory of her father, A. B. Ham.

We appreciate the efforts of the local law enforcement agencies are making to control livestock thefts and earnestly urge our members to give them all possible help and cooperation. We also would like to express our appreciation to the U. S. District Attorney, Lawrence Henry, and the F.B.I. on intra-state thefts. We recommend that Brand Inspectors be given more authority to control illegal practices.

WHEREAS, all areas surrounding us are modified-certified brucellosis free areas and all cows leaving our area must be tested, we, therefore, urge and recommend the cooperation of our members and other stockmen to certify these counties and that Recertification be by 100 per cent calfhood vaccination of replacement heifers.

Be it Resolved That the Bent Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association make a formal bid to Colorado Cattlemen's Association for their Centennial Convention in 1967.

We wish to honor the memory of members of friends of this Association deceased since our last Annual Meeting: Noble Jones, Quint Rhodes, Sam Kitch and others.

George Blackburn, Chairman
Robert Morrison
Robert Mundell

RECEIPTS

Balance - January 31, 1962		\$ 1,231.19
Local Dues 164 @ \$5.00	\$820.00	
Colorado Cattlemen's Ass'n (Included with local dues paid to local ass'n.)	782.50	
Raymond McMillin & 1st National Bank of Lamar (CCA Trust Fund)	200.00	
Dinners paid at Annual Meeting	<u>293.50</u>	
Total Receipts		<u>2,096.00</u>
Total Receipts & Beginning Balance		3,327.19

DISBURSEMENTS

American National Cattlemen's Ass'n - Ass'n dues	100.00	
Colorado Cattlemen's Ass'n - Ass'n Dues	200.00	
Floyd Cross Foundation	300.00	
Colorado Cattlemen's Ass'n - Dues paid to local Ass'n for Colorado Cattlemen's Ass'n	782.50	
Frans A. Dougherty Elect. Co. - Water cooler for Bent County Memorial Hospital (A. B. Ham)	130.59	
State Board of Stock Insp. Comm. - record brand	5.00	
Two Directors meeting at Palace Hotel	30.82	
Colorado Cattlemen's Trust Fund - McMillin & 1st National Bank of Lamar	200.00	
Bank Charges	2.62	
Arkansas Valley Journal - Ads for "Eat Beef and Apportionment #7 amendment	10.00	
Donations:		
Arkansas Valley Fair	25.00	
Federal Plan for Apportionment for 6 counties (including Crowley)	150.009	175.00
Southeast Colo. Cowbells - meat for picnic 8/5/62		14.07
Beef purchased at Baca County Fair Sale & displayed at State Fair Prowers County Booth		427.80
Printing \$29.79; Postage \$23.20; Phones \$2.35; Minute Book \$5.82; 5 Eat Beef Stickers; 6 pads of blank checks \$3.67		69.83
Annual Dinner Cost:		
V.F. W. Auxiliary 3 @ \$1.15 (guarantee)	345.00	
Meat	86.25	
Alcohol (on hand)	(36.25)	
Speaker - travel expense	25.00	
Use of Hall (Paid Jan. 1962 & included in statement ending 1/31/62)\$25.00)		456.25
Alcohol - on hand		<u>36.25</u>
Total Disbursements		<u>2,930.73</u>
* * * * * Balance January 31, 1963		\$ <u>396.46</u>
* * * * *		

March 15, 1963

Deat Stockman

We missed you at our annual meeting February 23, 1963. Our only record of attendance was receipt of dues paid the association. Our influence is proportional to the number of members; therefore, we need your support.

The national, state and local associations work for the COMMON GOOD OF ALL OF US. The state association rides "Herd" on many of our problems. For example; fighting for favorable legislation and against objectional legislation, the action taken against recent cattle thefts in our area; taxes, and beef promotion are a few of the many things it does for you. Dues are:

Local \$5.00

State first 100 head of taxable cattle or less (minimum) \$10.00 and 7 cents per head over 100 head. Subscription to Cattle Guard magazine is included in membership.

If you wish, make your check for both local and state dues payable to Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association. A local membership card and receipt for state dues will be sent by return mail and the state dues forwarded to them.

WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT - YOU NEED OUR SUPPORT.

Sincerely,

Secretary

* * * * *

95th ANNUAL MEETING OF BENT-PROWERS
CATTLE & HORSE GROWERS ASSOCIATION

The 95th Annual Meeting of the Bent-Prowers Cattle & Horse Growers Ass'n was held at the St. Mary's Catholic School in Las Animas, Colorado February 29, 1964, President Wm. E. Rose presiding.

A delicious roast beef dinner was served to 290 members and guests, St. Mary's Council of Catholic Women, Gladys Nelson, President. (Ass'n furnished the meat and punch bowl; Guaranteed women \$1.00 a plate for 300 - this included use of the entire school building). Father Huber gave the invocation and Mayor Leonard Hudnall gave the address of welcome. Ed Dean was in charge of the Punch Bowl, which was delicious (Just right), served just before the dinner. (400 to 500 could be served). (Hall was cold and loud speaker now ample). During the dinner some of the guests at the head table were introduced. Bent County's answer to the Beatles, Cal Nordel, Andy Silva, Ron Lingle and Don Dooley, played and sang Western Music. Jennifer Jones and Judy Nelson gave us their impression of the Charleston.

Mr. Rose announced the Resolution and Nominating Committees.

The following dignitaries were introduced: Mr. Ray Burke and Paul Swisher of the State Agriculture Commission; Art Ramsey of State Land Board and Mrs. Ramsey; Bob Burghart, Sr., Chairman of CCA Trust Fund; Earl Brown, State Brand Commissioner; Mrs. Bob Schafer and Mrs. Joe Autry; Dave Appleton Editor of Cattle Producer, American National Cattlemen's Ass'n; Earl Brown introduced Harry Bierne, retired brand inspector at Trinidad; also Roy Edgar, retired brand inspector; Bob Johnston, Jr. Pres. of CCA; County Agent; Law Officials, etc. Newspapers, Sale ring managers.

Bob Johnston, Jr., gave a report on Beef Imports and CCA activities.

Telegrams were read as follows:

"Very sorry that pending legislation effecting our Association prevents me attending your meeting. It would be appreciated if you would publicly thank Joe Autry, Robert Schafer, Wilkie Ham, L. T. Strain, Forest Burns, Bill Bledsoe and Oakley Wade, for their excellent cooperation given our industry during the session. Good luck for a fine meeting." Dave Rice, Jr., Executive Secretary of CCA.

"Congratulations on your 95th Annual Meeting. Very sorry we cannot make it today. We will be busy trying to finish up. Good Luck"
Joe Autry, Robert Schafer, Wilkie Ham, L. T. Strain, Forest Burns, Bill Bledsoe and Oakley Wade.

Letter of regret was read from Governor Love. Also announced that Ralph Yoder phoned sorry he could not be here.

Bob Burghart, Sr., Chairman of CCA Trust Foundation, gave a report on the Trust Fund and received some pledges and money for the Fund.

Dave Appleton gave a short report of American National activities.

Mrs. Elizabeth Lamson gave a report on the Cowbelle Ass'n. Jake Autry gave a report on Juniors and the list of new officers.

Ed Nichols presented horns to the Cowbelles, Juniors, and Bent-Prowers (their brand on it). (it is in the Bent County Museum).

John Flinn gave a report on his new venture. Round-up Enterprises. Brand, truck signs, mail box signs, etc. He had a display there. He stated he had given the Cowbelle organization a percentage for his products in order for them to have as a money making venture.

Mrshall Dean gave the Treasurer's report. Accepted as read.

Lyman Edgar gave the report of nominating committee, which was unanimously accepted: Robert Mundell, President; Dan Sniff, 1st Vice-President; Aaron Hasser, 2nd Vice-President; Melva H. Busbey, Secretary; Mrs. Ed (Connie) Dean, Assistant Secretary; Marshall Dean, Treasurer; Directors: Robert Morrison, Rocky Ford; Lewis Mathews, Springfield; J. Marvin Willhite, Holly; R. D. Bamber, Lamar; Clyde Frazee, Eads; Lewis Robbins, Walsh; Norris Anderson, Arlington; Clyde McEndree, Springfield; John A. Smartt, McClave; H. H. Mendenhall, Rocky Ford; Russell Reyher, Holly; Wm. E. Rose, Eads; Joe Autry, La Junta; Lyman Edgar, Rocky Ford; and Phil Gilbert, Lamar.

Ed Dean, Chairman, Lyman Edgar, Phil Gilbert,
L. C. Bowen, and R. D. Bamber.

Robert Morrison gave the resolutions report which follows. It was unanimously accepted.

Norris Anderson moved and Art Dean seconded that we have a Directors meeting and also notify the interested parties to decide on reproduction or stencil of Old Minute Book.

The next meeting to be at Lamar. Wilson, Clark, Manager of Lamar Chamber of Commerce issued the invitation.

Melva H. Busbey
Secretary

February 29, 1964

RESOLUTIONS

We again commend our officers, Bob Johnston, Jr., President of Colorado Cattlemen's Ass'n., Dave Rice, Jr., executive Secretary, the Legislative Committee and Board of Control of CCA and the American Natonal Cattlemen's Ass'n and their officers for protecting our interests in the legislature and the Congress.

We express our appreciation to the St. Mary's Parish Council of Catholic Women for the excellent dinner; St. Mary's Parish for the use of the school building; the local newspapers of the Valley and the local Radio Stations and also Russ Rountree of KOA Denver for coverage on the 95th Annual Meeting and also for the broadcasts re Old Minute Book; Sales Rings; Ladies that helped take memberships; Joe Purvis of First National Bank of Las Animas for assisting with taking dues and dinner tickets; (4 men) Cal Nordell, Andy Silva, Ron Lingle and Don Dooley for the entertainment and also Judy Nelson and Jennifer Etchart for their dance and pinning ribbons on those that paid memberships; Paul Jenkins for the pens used in writing up memberships; Melva H. Busbey for the flowers at head table donated in Memory of A. B. Ham.

We appreciate the efforts of the law enforcement agencies at all levels, and of our brand inspectors to stamp out theft and eliminate irregularities in the movement of cattle. We urge our members to continue to give cooperation and assistance to the authorities.

We continue to urge the Counties within our jurisdiction to complete the sign up and testing toward becoming a modified certified brucellosis free area, so that losses from this disease may be eliminated and out cattle can move freely into other areas. We urge, however that more stress be placed on official vaccination as opposed to testing in the program, with a view to making official vaccination the chief means of certification and re-certification.

We wish to honor the memory of members and friends of this Association deceased since our last meeting: Al Wenger, Frank Nelson, Noble Jones, Henry Manifor, Wallace Wineinger, Dell Baldwin, and John McArthur. Outside our area; Russell Rose, J. P. Firm and Dr. Kenneth Bolton.

In view of the rather widely held agreement that real property in Colorado is taxed at near its practical limit, we urge our State Government to keep revenue from ad valorem taxes available for local use, that new taxes initiated replace property tax wherever possible, and that ad valorem taxes not be raised to replace a tax that is discontinued.

We commend our officers and government officials for their concern with the price situation which beef imports have helped to aggravate. We strongly urge that the imports be reduced to help alleviate this situation, and that domestic supply of beef be used as a basis to set import volume, rather than an automatic annual agreement with importing nations.

We appreciate the attitude of local County Assessors in their willingness to set valuations on cattle at a realistic level based on per cent of parity.

We commend the effort to determine the effect of large national retail outlets on the market price of beef, particularly where it considers the tendency of stores to enter the fields of production.

Bob Morrison, Chairman; Jim McEndree, Norris Anderson,
Aaron Hasser and Dan Sniff.

* * * * *

RECEIPTS

Balance - January 31, 1963		\$ 396.46
Local dues 165 @ 5.00 3 @ 10.00	\$ 855.00	
Colorado Cattlemen's Ass'n - dues for CCA and paid to local ass'n	851.40	
Sale of some meat (left from beef purchased in 1962)	6.75	
Annual dinner	<u>335.50</u>	<u>2048.65</u>
Total receipts		
Total receipts & beginning balance		2,445.11

DISBURSEMENTS

American National Cattlemen's Ass'n - Affiliation	100.00	
Colorado Cattlemen's Assn. "	200.00	
Floyd Cross Foundation	150.00	
Colorado Cattlemen's Ass'n Endowment Trust Fund	140.00	
Locer rent (meat purchased 1962)	18.50	
Printing and stationary	61.10	
Secretary's expenses - phones, postage, etc	60.14	
Director's Meetings - hotels	42.24	
Arkansas Valley Journal - Beef for Father's Day ad	5.00	
Bank charges	3.00	
Colorado Cattlemen's Ass'n. dues for CCA included with local dues	851.40	
American Legion Auxiliary @ 1.10 guarantee	\$250.00	
Thaxton;s Locker - punch bowl	<u>23.00</u>	<u>273.00</u>
Total Disbursements		1,904.38
Balance January 31, 1964		<u><u>540.73</u></u>

* * * * *

Bob's phone: Hyatt 83245, West Manor, Colo.
Wm. E. Rose (out of Haswell) 436-2125.
BOB MUNDELL APPOINTED THE FOLLOWING TO CCA STANDING COMMITTEES:
Beef promotion: L. C. Bowen, Chivington.
Brand & Theft: Lyman Edgar, Rte 2, Rocky Ford
Cattle Improvement: Russell Reyher, Holly
Federal Lands: R. D. Bamber, Lamar
Game & Fish: Lewis Mathews, Springfield
Legislative: Wilkie Ham, Lamar
Livestock Sanitation: Dr. Elmer Sniff (Try to get to join)
Marketing: George McClave, McClave

Public Relations: John A. Smartt, McClave
 State Lands: Wm. E. Rose, Eads
 Tax: J. T. McEndree, Springfield
 Research: Melva H. Busbey
 Transportation: Fill later (Ed try to get Bob Harris)
 Membership: Clyde McEndree, Springfield, Chairman:
 Bent - Dan Sniff and Don Hutchinson
 Otero - Lyman Edgar, and H. H. Mendenhall
 Kiowa - Bill Dawson, Don Rose and Bill Anderson
 Prowers - Phil Gilbert, R. D. Bamber, Russell Reyher; Marvin Willhite
 Baca - Clyde McEndree, Bob Mundell

June 29, 1964

Dear Member:

Enclosed is a decal signifying your paid-up membership in the Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association.

The organization was founded in 1870 as the Bent County Stock Association, to represent the interests of cattlemen in all Southeastern Colorado. We are affiliated with the Colorado Cattlemen's Association along with about 25 other local associations and vote in the State organization according to our membership numbers on policies for the State.

The committees of the Colorado Cattlemen's Association are comprised of men from the various local associations who devote a lot of non-paid time to benefit the rest of us. These fellow cattlemen have accomplished much in tax legislation, legislative control, etc.

We have just received a severe set-back by the recent Supreme Court decision outlawing our recently passed amendment #7. This, of course, will mean the necessity of more efforts in the Legislature to make our side of each issue known. We have too few Wilkie Hams.

We must have every cattle owner a paid-up member. Our committee representatives deserve at least this support. Our membership fee is repaid in tax savings alone.

Every member get a mamber.

Your President and Board

* * * * *

DIRECTORS Meeting

October 5, 1964

This meeting was called to order by President Bob Mundell. Those present were Marshall Dean, John Smartt, Lyman Edgar, Wm. E. Rose, H. H. Mendenhall, Russell Reyher, Clyde McEndree, J. T. McEndree, Aaron Hasser, Lewis Robbins, Ed Dean, Connie Dean, and Dan Sniff.

The treasurer's Balance to date is \$786.38.

The membership drive is to be completed by November 15. 126 are delinquent. Membership cards and receipts were given to those present.

Clyde McEndree is going to attend a meeting in Denver on Thursday to advise the state organization what we would be in favor of doing regarding state dues. Mr. McEndree made a motion to have \$15 state & local dues and divide it \$3 local and \$12 state. Motion was seconded and carried. Lyman asked if local businessmen would still pay only \$5. Lyman also asked Mr. McEndree to find out who would do the billing.

The S. E. Colo. Angus Ass'n was holding a sale on February 13th and they were assured that our annual meeting date would not interfere.

Lyman Edgar reported that Melvin Barber had been found guilty and a pre-sentence investigation will be conducted before the judge passes sentence. Ed Dean suggested the probation officer be informed of the organizations stand on the matter.

of Barber's character. This was changed to a motion which was seconded and carried. Bob Mundell appointed Ed Dean chairman, with Bob Morrison and John Smartt members to so advise the probation officer.

Meeting adjourned.

* * * * *

January 11, 1965

DIRECTORS MEETING

The meeting was called to order by President Bob Mundell. Those present were John Smartt, Russell Reyher, Ed Dean, Lewis Mathews, Lyman Edgar, H. H. Mendenhall, and Bob Morrison.

A film was shown by Bent County Agent Dale Kesterson and Dr. Williamson.

Bob Mundell appointed John Smartt to serve as Secretary until the annual meeting date to fill vacancy left by Melva Busbey.

Marshall Dean reported on the minute book printing. It was decided to cut them off at what ever date the girl gets to in time to have them out by annual meeting date.

The annual meeting date was set for February 20, 1965 at the StageCoach Motor Hotel. George McClave will make arrangements with Stage Coach. Bob Mundell has asked Harry Green to give the talk.

Lyman moved we send flowers to wWilkie Ham. Russell Reyher seconded the motion and it was carried. Russell was designated to get the flowers and deliver them.

President Mundell appointed Bob Morrison chairman of the nominations committee. Bob asked that Phil Gilbert and George McClave serve on the committee with him.

President Mundell appointed Lyman Edgar chairman of the Resolutions committee.

The meeting was adjourned.

* * * * *

96TH ANNUAL MEETING OF BENT-PROWERS CATTLE & HORSE GROWERS ASSOCIATION

The 96th annual meeting of the Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Ass'n was held at the Stage Coach Motor Hotel in Lamar, Colorado, February 27, 1965. President Bob Mundell presiding.

Barrett McCanless gave the invocation. A delicious roast beef dinner was served to 232 cattlemen, cowbells, and junior cattlemen. Following dinner Mayor R. E. Northup of Lamar gave the address of welcome. Revue Hill of Colorado Boys Ranch reported on progress at Boys Ranch and the 4-H program there. James Connors, Manager of the Lamar Chamber of Commerce expressed his groups interest in livestock programs in S. E. Colorado.

President Bob Mundell introduced Harry Green, Jr. publisher of the Record Stockman. Mr. Green gave a very interesting talk using the theme "Positive thinking in the Livestock Industry".

Jack Bain, 1st Vice President of the Colorado Cattlemen's Ass'n gave a short talk on activities and committees of C.C.A. that should be taken advantage of by members.

Elizabeth Lamson, President of S. E. Colo. Cowbells gave a report on what the Cowbells had done during the year and she also introduced Mrs. Ruth Bain, Colorado Cowbelle Pres.

Earl Brown, Colorado's Brand Commissioner gave a report on the new proposed legislation to record location of brands on animals in Colorado. Following a discussion on this matter Kenneth Clark moved that the Board raise the cost of recording brands. 2nd by Norris Anderson. Ed Dean moved to amend the motion by

by adding that every new brand issued have a \$25 charge. Mr. Dean withdrew his motion. The original motion was voted on and lost.

John Boyd, Executive Secretary of C.C.A. and Editor of the Cattle Guard talked on membership drives, the featuring of Bent-Prowers Ass'n as top member getters in state. He also stressed the importance of advertising livestock in the magazine.

Bob Burghart, Sr. Chairman of C.C.A. Endowment Trust Fund reported that the group had over \$100,000 invested and that the interest on this money was turned over to C.C.A. each June for operating expense. He also mentioned the 1967 State Celebration and ANCA meeting in Colorado Springs.

Ralph Yoder, S. E. Q tr, representative of C.C.A. Board of Control reported on the good that C. C. A. does in Colorado and for the cattlemen.

Jim McEndree moved that this Ass'n go on record approving the proposed change in Colorado Brand Law providing that when the owner of a recorded brand is sent the notice to pick the side he wants, he will also have the privilege to pick the other side at that time. Paying another recording fee for same. 2nd by Joe Autry. Motion carried unanimously.

Marshall Dean gave the Treasurers Report and moved its adoption. Joe Autry 2nd and the motion carried.

Richard Robbins, President of the S. E. Colo. Jr. Cattlemen's Cattlemen's Ass'n gave a report on their activities during the past year, gave the list of new officers, and read his 4 yr. calf foundation report to the group.

Lyman Edgar gave the report of the Resolutions Committee which follows. It was unanimously accepted.

Wm. E. Rose moved that the President appoint a committee to work with the District Attorney's, County Judges, and Law Officials, to enforce laws dealing with the livestock industry more effectively than at the present time. 2nd by Dan Sniff. The motion carried.

Bob Morrison gave the report of the nominating committee, which was unanimously accepted:

Bob Mundell, President; Dan Sniff, 1st Vice President; Norris Anderson, 2nd Vice President; John A. Smartt, Secretary; Marshall Dean, Treasurer; and the following directors: Lew Mathews, Springfield; Marvin Wilhite, Holly; R. D. Bamber, Lamar; Robert L. Morrison, Rocky Ford; Clyde Frazee, Eads; Lewis Robbins, Walsh; Clyde McEndree, Springfield; H. H. Mendenhall, Rocky Ford; Russell Reyher, Lamar; W.m. E. Rose, Eads; Joe Autry, La Junta; Lyman Edgar, Rocky Ford; Phil Gilbert, Lamar; Byron Davis, Las Animas; Eddie Dunlap, Eads.

Bob Morrison, Chairman; George McClave, Phil Gilbert

The meeting was adjourned.

John A. Smartt
Secretary

February 27, 1965

RESOLUTIONS

We again commend our officers, Arthur Hudspeth, President of the Colorado Cattlemen's Ass'n; Dave Rice, Executive Vice-President; the Legislative Committee and the Board of Control of C. C. A.; and the American National Cattlemen's Ass'n and their officers for protecting our interests in the Legislature, in Congress and elsewhere.

We express our appreciation to Dan Sniff and the personnel of the Stage Coach Motor Hotel for the use of their facilities and the fine dinner. The local newspapers of the valley and the local radio stations for their coverage of the 96th annual meeting.

We appreciate the efforts of the law enforcement agencies at all levels and our brand inspectors to stamp out theft and eliminate irregularities in the movement of cattle. We urge our members to continue to give cooperation and assistance to the authorities.

We wish to honor the memory of members and friends of this association deceased since our last meeting: Mrs. I. R. Romer, Holly, Colorado whose funeral is this afternoon; and Frank Weirick, Eads, Colorado.

We appreciate the attitude of local county Assessors in their willingness to set valuations on cattle at a realistic level based on per cent of parity. We will have a ten percent reduction in assessed valuation this year. This is thru the efforts of your local and state associations.

This association wishes to take the following stand on reapportionment. We back the Federal Plan for Colorado as per Colorado vote of 305,700 for this plan to 172,725 against. As this was the will of the people of the State of Colorado on a one man one vote ballot. That Colorado be guaranteed that this power will not be subject to any Federal Court. Also that one house of the legislature be on a basis other than population.

We want to thank local County Agents, Veterinarians, State and Federal Personnel and our local committees for their services toward Modified Certification of Southeast Colo. Whereas the results of back tagging are showing great worth towards recertification of counties. That this organization adopt a resolution that this program be speeded up in Southeastern Colorado. Baca County just lacks six herds and they will be recertified again and Otero has tested over seven hundred head under the back tagging program.

That we are in favor of raising the amount of reward from \$250 to \$500 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of person or persons stealing or unlawfully butchering cattle in Southeastern Colorado. That the Board of this association look into getting new posters printed.

Whereas: Coyotes have become a great menace to livestock and poultry in this area, and it is impossible for producers of livestock and poultry to effect any practical destruction of coyotes. We hereby urge the Federal Government to put sufficient money into the program to bring about the elimination of this menace. That copies of this resolution be sent to U. S. Senators and Representatives in Congress, and to the Secretary of Interior, Stewart Udall.

In view of proposed legislation to sell off state school lands, the Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association desires to go on record as opposing such legislation at this time, and requests the C.C.A. State Lands Committee to keep informed of any action concerning state lands.

We want to thank Melva Busbey for her long and outstanding service to the Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Ass'n and to the stockmen and feeders of Colo.

Lyman Edgar, Chairman; Wm. E. Rose; Dan Sniff;
Clyde McEndree; and Kenneth Clark.

RECEIPTS

Balance - January 31, 1964		\$ 540.73
Local Dues	\$1,000.00	
Colorado Cattlemen's Ass'n Dues		
paid to local Ass'n	1,458.31	
Advance payment for old minute book	132.00	
Dinner tickets	349.05	
	<u>Total Receipts</u>	<u>2,939.36</u>
	Total Receipts & Beginning Balance	<u>3,480.09</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

American National Cattlemen's Ass'n - dues	100.00
Colorado Cattlemen's Ass'n Affiliation	100.00
Car Emblems	100.25
Annual Dinner Expense	597.63
Secretary Expenses	55.38
Printing & Stationary	27.32
Directors Meetings	48.49
Flowers	5.10
Bank Charges	4.78
Refunds for over payment on minute books	2.00
Colorado Cattlemen's Ass'n Dues from members	<u>1,458.31</u>
Balance January 31, 1965	<u>2,489.86</u>
	<u>\$980.83</u>

DIRECTORS MEETING

March 17, 1965

The meeting was called to order by President Bob Mundell. Those present were John Smartt, R. D. Bamber, Phil Gilbert, Aaron Hasser, Dan Sniff, Russell Reyher, Ed Dean, Byron Davis, Marshall Dean, Bob Mundell, and Ralph Yoder, C.C.A. Board member from Karval.

The minutes of the 96th annual meeting were read and approved. Marshall Dean gave the Treasurers report that we had \$915 in the bank. He also reported on the B4J Books that we had printed.

Russell Reyher moved that we hold our next annual meeting on February 26, 1966 in Las Animas. 2nd by Marshall Dean. Motion carried.

Bob Mundell asked if we shouldn't pay the speaker for the annual meeting. It was decided to send him one of our B4J books.

Phil Gilbert, Marshall Dean, and Dan Sniff were appointed by the President to look into who our group wants to recommend for the position on the Game & Fish Commission.

A letter was read from Franklin Nash of Canon City concerning the Presidential Food Marketing Commission hearings to be held in April at Cheyenne and Fort Worth. Following a discussion on this matter Dan Sniff moved that we adopt the following resolution. 2nd by Russell Reyher. Motion carried.

Whereas, the cattle industry has suffered repeated and continuing losses during the last three years, touching every segment of the industry, and
Whereas, the ability of the industry to survive is seriously in question, and
Whereas, retail meat prices have failed to reflect the downward pressure on live cattle and dressed beef prices, and
Whereas, serious questions have been raised concerning the impact on food buying and merchandising practices on the cattle industry with concern being expressed relative to the trend of food chains to integrate sources of supplies, processors and retailing,
Therefore, Be It Resolved that this association strongly urge the Presidential Commission on Food Marketing to proceed with all possible speed to resolve these questions through the exercise of its full authority as delegated by the Congress; and, further, that the Commission report directly to the Congress and the relevant regulatory agencies any indication of inequities which may be found to exist to the end that they may be effectively corrected.

Phil Gilbert moved that we set our membership drive for March 31, 1965. 2nd by Bob Bamber. Motion passed. Russell Reyher the membership chairman will notify his members.

The meeting was adjourned.

Bob's phone: Hyatt 83245 West Manter, Colo.

BOB MUNDELL APPOINTED THE FOLLOWING TO CCA STANDING COMMITTEES:

Water:	Hacket Smartt
Beef Promotion:	Phil Gilbert, Lamar
Brand & Theft:	Lyman Edgar, Rocky Ford
Cattle Improvement:	Eddie Dunlap, Eads
Federal Lands:	R. D. Bamber, Lamar
Game & Fish:	Lewis Mathews, Springfield
Legislative:	Wilkie Ham, Lamar
Livestock Sanitation:	Dr. Elmer Sniff, Lamar
Marketing:	George McClave, McClave
Public Relations:	Dan Sniff, Hasty
State Lands:	Wm. E. Rose, Eads
Tax:	J. T. McEndree, Springfield
Research:	Byron Davis, Las Animas
Transportation:	H. H. Mendenhall, Rocky Ford
Membership:	Russell Reyher, Chairman
Bent	Ed Dean, Dan Sniff, Byron Davis, George McClave
Otero:	Lyman Edgar, Bob Morrison, H. H. Mendenhall
Kiowa:	<u>Bill Dawson</u> , Norris Anderson, Eddie Dunlap, Don Rose

Prowers: Bob Bamber, Aaron Hasser, Doug Duncan, Earl Williams
 Baca: Bob Mundell, Lewis Mathews, J. T. McEndree, Calvin Thompson

* * * * *

DIRECTORS MEETING

May 12, 1965

The meeting was called to order by President Bob Mundell. Those present were Bob Mundell, Wm. Rose, Norris Anderson, J. T. McEndree, George McClave, Lewis Mathew, Bob Bamber, Clyde McEndree, Dan Sniff, Russell Reyher, Eddie Dunlap, Phil Gilbert, Lewis Robbins, Joe Autry, and John Smartt.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Discussion was held on any resolutions that should be sent to C.C.A. for consideration. J. T. McEndree suggested that the brand board should re issue and cancel old unused brands. Discussion was also held on brand inspection fees for feed lots.

The following three resolutions were voted on and passed:

Mr. Rose expressed his wishes concerning the motion that he made at the annual meeting about contacting law enforcement officials. He said that it was not his intention to criticize the officials but to suggest that they tighten some of the loop holes.

The committee appointed by the president voted to go along with contacting the law enforcement officials and discussing the matter. Clyde McEndree moved that the Board support the committee on this discussion. Joe Autry seconded and the motion passed.

Suggestions were asked about changes in the Game and Fish Laws. Joe Autry expressed his wishes that the late turkey season which is in the Spring be eliminated. Dan Sniff suggested that Goose hunting season be extended and run from Nov. 15 thru Feb. 1.

It was the desire of the Board that the next edition of the minute books contain more of the minutes.

It was moved by Dan Sniff and seconded by Wm. Rose that the Ass'n pay the President and Secretary each \$75. as expenses to go to the C.C.A. Convention in Craig. The motion passed.

Russell Reyher moved the meeting be adjourned. Lewis Mathews seconded and the motion passed.

Following are three resolutions passed at a Board of Directors meeting of the Bent-Prowers Cattle & Horse Growers Ass'n on May 12, 1965. These resolutions are to be sent to the Colo. Cattlemen's Ass'n for their consideration.

RESOLUTION # 1

whereas, the movement of cattle out of feed-lots is usually the last movement prior to slaughter
 WHEREAS, the feed-lots are the last place that strays might be found and returned to their proper owners
 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this organization go on record against any special privileges that might be proposed for feed-lot operators in regard to brand inspection
 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this organization strongly supports the continuance of brand inspections of cattle leaving feed-lots.

RESOLUTION # 2

WHEREAS, there are many unused brands and brands that fees have not been paid on or re-registered
 WHEREAS, The Brand Board has been reluctant to cancel and reissue these brands
 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this organization urge the State Board of Stock

Inspection Commissioners to adhere more to present laws on cancelling and re-issuing of these unused brands.

RESOLUTION # 3

WHEREAS, it is becoming increasingly harder to get arrests and convictions in cases of livestock thefts
 WHEREAS, these criminals are getting light sentences and paroled after serving only a small part of their sentence
 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that contact be made with law enforcement officials and judicial officers and that they be encouraged to more effectively enforce the laws dealing with theft. Especially convictions of livestock theft and that parole restrictions be tightened and enforced to the fullest extent of the law.

* * * * *

DIRECTORS MEETING

Sept. 2, 1965

The meeting was called to order by President Bob Mundell. Members present: Clyde McEndree, Dan Sniff, Russell Reyher, Phil Gilbert, Bob Bamber, John Smartt, Gary Campbell, Sec. of Junior Cattlemen's Ass'n and Jim Conner, Lamar Chamber of Commerce.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved, also the treasurers report was given.

Jim Conners suggested the Chamber of Commerce have full control of the room reservations for the 1966 C.C.A. Convention. He also stated the American Legion Convention was

President Mundell appointed Dan Sniff finance chairman for the C.C.A. Convention.

It was moved by Russell Reyher that we hold a calf sale the week of Nov. 1, to raise money for the calf foundation and Convention. Seconded by Phil Gilbert and passed.

All were urged to attend the Governor's forum the 9th of Sept. at La Junta.

Meeting was adjourned.

Secretary

* * * * *

October 15, 1965

Dear Member:

At our last directors meeting it was moved and passed to hold a calf drive the first week of November. Our Ass'n has the most members in CCA but is 3rd on the list of donors to the CCA Endowment Trust Fund.

We are asking our members to take a calf to one of the following sale rings for their sale on the week of Nov. 1st. They will sell the calves and send the money to your Ass'n along with a list of donors.

The sales are:

- (1) La Junta Livestock
- (2) Winter Livestock
- (3) McCanless Livestock

Their sales dates are November 1st., 2nd., and 4th. respectively.

We hope that you will feel able to donate to this worthy cause.

Sincerely,

John A. Smartt, Sec.

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE
BENT-PROWERS CATTLE & HORSE

GROWERS ASSOCIATION

The people of Las Animas and Bent County extend a cordial welcome to you and congratulate you for having an organization that has existed for 92 years and continues to grow stronger with each year.

We are highly honored that you have selected our city for this year's annual meeting. Your organization represents one of the most important and vital industries in Colo.

The latch string is always out for you in Las Animas.
We hope you return often.

BENT COUNTY BOOSTERS

LAS ANIMAS-BENT COUNTY
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Richard Jorgenson, President

* * * * *

DIRECTORS MEETING

December 16, 1965

The meeting was called to order by President Bob Mundell. Members present were Lyman Edgar, Byron Davis, Dan Sniff, Norris Anderson, Phil Gilbert, Eddie Dunlap, Bob Bamber, and John Smartt. The following Cowbells were present, Lorraine Schleining, Helen Crowe, Mary Shinn & Kay Smartt. Also a delegation from the Chamber of Commerce were present.

Dave Rice was on hand to discuss the State Convention scheduled for Lamar on June 6-8.

Dan Sniff moved that we give the Southeast Colo. Cowbells \$100. to put on a beef cook-off in the high schools. 2nd by Marshall Dean, the motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned.

* * * * *

DIRECTORS MEETING

January 7, 1966

The meeting was called to order by President Bob Mundell. Those present were: Eddie Dunlap, Jim McEndree, Clyde McEndree, Lew Mathews, Ed Dean, Marshall Dean, Dan Sniff, Russell Reyher, Joe Autry, and John Smartt.

Dave Rice was present and presented the plans for the CCA Centennial celebration. The Ass'n decided to appoint some committees now but to hold off on collecting funds until after the June convention.

The Centennial committee appointed was:

George McClave-----Chairman
Lyman Edgar
Jim McEndree
Norris Anderson
Phil Gilbert.

Jim McEndree moved the annual Bent-Prowers Meeting be held on Feb. 26th and that we have Ace Reid for the speaker. Russell Reyher 2nd and the motion carried. A committee of Marshall Dean, Joe Autry, and Dan Sniff were appointed to find a place to meet.

Russell Reyher was named State Convention Chairman.

President Mundell appointed the following to a Tax Committee:

Jim McEndree	Bob Bamber	Bob Morrison
Byron Davis	Eddie Dunlap	

Before adjourning the group decided to meet again on Jan. 26th at 7:30 P. M. at the Stagecoach.

* * * * *

DIRECTORS MEETING

January 27, 1966

The meeting was called to order by President Bob Mundell. Those in attendance were Russell Reyher, Barrett McCanless, Marshall Dean, Ed Dean, Bob Bamber, Lew Mathews, Gary Campbell, Clyde McEndree, Dan Sniff, Mrs. McCandless, Mrs. John Smartt, Hazel Roesch, Lorraine Schleining, Elizabeth Lamson, and Beverley Augustine.

Plans for the State Convention June 6-7-8 in Lamar were discussed. Chairman Russell Reyher named Warren Campbell as Bar-B-Que Chairman. Dan Sniff moved that we set \$12.50 as the price of registration for the convention for both men and women and \$6.00 for the juniors. 2nd by Clyde McEndree the motion carried. The Cowbells were asked to sell pre-registrations at the Bent-Prowers meeting.

Plans for the 97th annual dinner meeting to be held in Las Animas on Feb. 26th were discussed. Marshall stated that the Catholic ladies would serve a roast beef dinner and charge us \$1.50. Price of our tickets are \$1.75 which will help defray the speakers expense. President Mundell appointed the following committees for the meeting.

Resolutions: Wm. E. Rose, Chairman, Lew Mathews, Bob Emick, Ken Clark, and Byron Davis; the Nominating committee is Ed Dean, Chairman, and Dan Sniff and Bob Bamber.

The meeting was adjourned following the distribution of dinner tickets among the directors.

* * * * *

97TH ANNUAL MEETING OF BENT-PROWERS CATTLE & HORSE GROWERS ASSOCIATION

The 97th annual meeting of the Bent-Prowers Cattle & Horse Growers Ass'n was held at the St. Marys School in Las Animas, Colorado, February 26, 1966. President Bob Mundell presiding.

Barrett McCanless gave the invocation. A delicious roast beef dinner was served 475 cattlemen, cowbells, junior cattlemen and guests. Following dinner Mayor Kitty Long of Las Animas gave the address of welcome.

Dan Sniff introduced the following bankers F. L. Pyles of Eads, Joe Purvis of Las Animas, Frank Hartman of P.C.A. of La Junta, and Mr. McDonald of La Junta. He stated that our speaker was brought to us thru the efforts of the 1st National Bank in Las Animas and the Production Credit Ass'n of La Junta. Also C. Fletcher and the Punch Bowl was sponsored by Turk Rutherford. He then introduced Ace Reid the featured speaker.

Sharon Yates, Vice President of the S. E. Jr. Cattlemen's introduced Ray Mc Millin and Gary Campbell of their group and then read a list of donors to the Jr. Cattlemen's Ass'n that will receive honorary memberships in the mail.

Mrs. John Smartt of McClave, President of the S. E. Cowbells gave a report of Cowbelle activities.

Oakely Wade gave a short memorial to Wilkie Ham.

Richard Sneddon, Secretary of A.N.C.A., gave a few remarks about the size of cattle business and asked that members keep in touch with his organization. Earl Brown, State Brand Commissioner, talked shortly about the availability of obtaining information from his office regarding old brands. 1st records 1880 but more complete from 1899.

Russell Reyher was introduced as the Chairman for the C.C.A. 99th annual convention in Lamar, June 6-7-8. He then introduced John Boyd, Exc. Sec. for C.C.A.

who urged everyone to get behind Russell and work for the convention. He then mentioned the C.C.A. Centennial Celebration, George McClave is Bent-Prowers Chairman for that event. John then introduced Beverly Bledsoe of Hugo, 2nd Vice President of C.C.A. and Chairman of the Board, he spoke briefly on the centennial celebration.

Mr. Ray Simpson, President of State Land Board was introduced and he brought greetings from the other member of his Board and from the Washington Co. Cattlemen's Ass'n. Ralph Yoder of Karval, Board member of C.C.A. from S. E. Colo. spoke on the benefits that C.C.A. members get from their Ass'n. Mr. Bob Burghart gave a short run down on the C.C.A. Endowment Trust Fund and how they were investing the money.

The following persons were introduced: Sen. Thomas, Rep. Burns, Milton Booth, Melva Busbey, and 4 members from the Southern Colorado Livestock Ass'n.

Marshall Dean gave the treasurers report and moved its adoption. 2nd by Clyde McEndree and was accepted. Report follows.

Balance - January 31, 1965	<u>RECEIPTS</u>	\$980.83
Local Dues	\$ 936.15	
Colorado Cattlemen's Ass'n Dues	1,002.00	
Sale of minute books	340.00	
Calves for C.C.A.	352.49	
Dinner Tickets	<u>297.00</u>	
	Total receipts	<u>2,927.64</u>
	Total Receipts & Beginning Balance	3,908.47

	<u>DISBURSEMENTS</u>	
Floyd Cross Foundation	100.00	
American National Cattlemen's Ass'n Dues	100.00	
Colorado Cattlemen's Ass'n dues	100.00	
S. E. Cowbells Beef Cook-Off	100.00	
Annual Dinner Expense	485.00	
Delegates to state convention	150.00	
Printing & Binding Minute Books	409.30	
Phone Calls	23.09	
Printing & Stationery	99.47	
Postage	40.90	
Directors meetings	47.36	
Flowers	25.65	
Gifts	16.85	
Advertizing	38.60	
Bank Charges	6.44	
C.C.A. Endowment Trust Fund	352.49	
C.C.A. dues collected from members	<u>1,002.00</u>	
Total Disbursements		<u>3,097.15</u>
Balance January 31, 1966		<u><u>\$811.32</u></u>

* * * * *

DIRECTORS MEETING

March 24, 1966

The meeting was called to order by President Dan Sniff. The following members were present. Byron Davis, Russell Reyher, Alvin Spady, Bob Emick, Wm. E. Rose, Geo. McClave, Eddie Dunlap, Kenneth Clark, Lew Mathews, A. P. Brown, Bob Mundell, Clyde McEndree, Charlie Fletcher.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Treasurers report that \$1763.91 in bank at that time.

President Sniff appointed the following committees.

Water:	Alvin Spady
Beef Promotion:	Phil Gilbert, Lamar
Brand & Theft:	Lyman Edgar, Rocky Ford
Cattle Improvement:	Eddie Dunlap, Eads
Federal Lands:	R. D. Bamber & Charlie Fletcher

Game & Fish:	Lewis Mathews, Springfield
Legislative:	Kenneth Clark, La Junta
Livestock Sanitation:	Dr. Elmer Sniff, Lamar
Marketing:	Clyde McEndree
Public Relations:	Bob Emick, Lamar, Ron Honey
State Lands:	Wm. E. Rose, Eads
Tax:	J. T. McEndree, Springfield
Research:	Byron Davis, Las Animas
Transportation:	Russell Reyher, Lamar
Membership:	Bob Mundell, Chairman
Bent:	Ed Dean, A. P. Brown, Byron Davis, George McClave
Otero:	Lyman Edgar, Kenneth Clark, Bob Morrison, Joe Autry
Kiowa:	Eddie Dunlap, Wm. Rose, Lloyd Philpy, Norris Anderson
Baca:	Clyde McEndree, Lew Mathews, Bill Mundell
Prowers:	Charlie Fletcher, Bob Emick, Barrett McCanless, Joe Hasser Aaron Hasser and Dan Sniff

George McClave asked for some help on the Centennial celebration.

Old Business ---Bob Mundell moved we send C.C.A. \$1 per member for the Centennial celebration. 2nd by Clyde McEndree and passed.

New Business---The recent cattle stealing case in eastern Kiowa county was brought up and discussed. Kenneth Clark moved that Bent-Prowers Cattle & Horse Growers Ass'n get behind Earl Brown and the brand board and back them on the case in Kiowa County that is coming into court. The motion was 2nd by A. P. Brown and carried unanimously.

Alvin Spady reported that the district engineer is threatening to shut off wells in the Ark River basin from May - Sept. He also suggested that this organization try to promote brand inspection in Western Kansas Counties that border Colo.

Dan reported that Dave Rice, Mrs. Black, would like to meet with the convention committee next Wed. at 5 P. M.

Russell Reyher moved we adjourn, 2nd Clyde McEndree & carried.

* * * * *

DIRECTORS MEETING

April 21, 1966

President Dan Sniff called the meeting to order. Those present were Kiowa County Sheriff, Gene Kelly; Jack Gardner, Kiowa County Press; Mr. Coen from Prowers County Farm Bureau; A. P. Brown, Bob Mundell, Lew Mathews, Norris Anderson, Russell Reyher, Dan Sniff, Clyde McEndree, J. T. McEndree, Wm. Rose, Ray Burke, Eddie Dunlap, and Ralph Tixier.

Gene Kelly told us the details of the Stum cattle stealing case. They hauled 5 semi-loads of cattle from Towner to Ness City, Kans. without brand inspection and sold them. The brand inspectors found 5 head belonging to Mr. Butler had gotten to Iowa. They had been rebranded with Stum's brand. 3 more head went to Garden City and sold. There is another party involved with the last three and the D.A. wants to hold up filing charges against him until the Stum trial of May 31, June 1-2 is over. Sheriff Kelly also mentioned the fact that is only a misdemeanor to haul cattle out of state without a brand inspection and the Stum's were fined and let go on that charge. He pointed out that it should be a felony.

Russell Reyher moved that we send District Attorney Carl Shinn a letter stating that our organization is glad that he filed charges. Also that we have discussed the matter and feel that they should be tried to the full extent of the law. We feel that all law offenses of this nature should be filed on and tried as promptly as possible. The motion was 2nd by Mr. Rose and carried unanimously.

Mr. Coen stated that his organization would write Mr. Shinn a letter expressing the same opinion. Mr. Rose and Mr. Anderson said the same for Kiowa County Farm Bureau. Everyone was urged to attend the trial.

The delinquent member list was read so that directors could contact members in their areas.

The following resolutions were brought up and discussed to present to the resolutions committee for state convention.

1. Make it a felony for cattle to cross the state line without a brand inspection.
2. That no one plowing virgin sod should be able to get Federal or state subsidies on same.

There was one suggestion for the Game & Fish committee. That the game warden's do more checking on the antelope hunters in this area.

State Convention committee discussed their plans and the meeting was adjourned.

* * * * *

April 25, 1966

Mr. Carl Shinn
District Attorney 15th Judicial District
222½ Main
Lamar, Colorado

Dear Mr. Shinn:

At a recent meeting of the directors of the Bent-Prowers Cattle & Horse Growers Ass'n it was unanimous decision that we notify your office that our organization is behind you on the Stum case. We feel that it was proper to file charges.

Our group has discussed this matter and feel that they should be tried to the full extent of the law.

We also feel that all law offenses of this nature should be filed on and tried as promptly as possible.

If our organization can ever be of assistance feel free to contact any of our officers.

Yours truly,

John A. Smartt, Secretary
R.R.1
McClave, Colorado 81057

* * * * *

DIRECTORS MEETING

May 26, 1966

President Dan Sniff called the meeting to order. Those present were Russell Reyher, Eddie Dunlap, Lew Mathews, Ed Dean, Bob Emick, Joe Hasser, Bob Coates, Bob Bamber, A. P. Brown, Marshall Dean, Wm. Rose, Charlie Fletcher, Ernest Eddleman, Warren Campbell, Bob Mundell, Kenneth Clark, Vernan Seigel, Ralph Tixier, and Fred Fitzimmons.

Mr. Rose reported that the D.A. was still trying to get the Stum case dropped and that he would check to make sure if the case would get to court in May or be later.

Centennial Chairman, George McClave, reported that his committee would get under way in June at convention time.

Dave Rice reported on the Centennial progress.

The meeting was turned over to Russell Reyher and his convention committees. Following reports that rooms might be scarce, finances were coming in well, 4400# beef been butchered, rodeo arrangements had all been made, and that Joe Hasser would be in charge of tickets. Dave said that he would meet again with the committee June 2 and at 11: A. M. Monday June 6th.

Eddie Dunlap moved the meeting be adjourned and it was 2nd by Bob Mundell.
Motion carried.

* * * * *

DIRECTORS MEETING

July 7, 1966

Following a social hour and dinner with their wives the following members were present for a meeting. President Dan Sniff, George McClave, Wm. Rose, Bob Emick, Phil Gilbert, Aaron Hasser, Russell Reyher, Otto Hasser, Warren Campbell, Lew Mathews, Fred Fitzsimmons, Garry Campbell, Alvin Spady, Joe Hasser, Clyde McEndree, Bob Bamber, Ralph Tixier, Byron Davis, Larry Hixson and John Smartt.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

George McClave gave a Centennial report and passed out forms for donating to the Centennial.

It was stressed that the next Tues. July 12 was the Stum case in Kiowa County Court and every one was urged to attend.

Meeting adjourned.

* * * * *

DIRECTORS MEETING

October 13, 1966

The meeting was called to order by President, Dan Sniff. The following directors were present: Eddie Dunlap, Clyde McEndree, Lew Mathews, Ken Clark, A. P. Brown, Byron Davis, Bob Emick, Lyman Edgar, J. T. McEndree, Charlie Fletcher, Bob Bamber, Bob Mundell, Russell Reyher, Marshall Dean, H. H. Mendenhall, Bob Morrison, and John Smartt.

The minutes were read and approved. Treasurers report was that we had \$2122.91 in the bank less \$300. that was out.

The Apportionment Amendment #4 was discussed and it was moved by Bob Morrison and 2nd by Eddie Dunlap that we contribute \$250 to be credited to all 5 counties. Amendments #1 and #5 were also discussed.

The group discussed the proposed change in ton mile tax and the consensus was that our group stand opposed to the proposed change.

The membership drive was discussed and the week of Nov. 14 -19 was set. It was decided to ask John Boyd to come down and work with the membership committee.

The annual meeting date was set for February 25, 1967 and the following committee was appointed to work out the details. Chairman, John Smartt: Russell Reyher; Bob Emick; Bob Bamber; and Dan Sniff. It was decided to try for an all day meeting with a dinner-dance to finish the day.

Russell Reyher moved the meeting be adjourned, 2nd by Ken Clark and Carried.

* * * * *

DIRECTORS MEETING

December 8, 1966

The meeting was called to order by President Dan Sniff. Those present were Lew Mathews, Raymond Yates, Byron Davis, A. P. Brown, Bob Emick, Charlie Fletcher, Phil Gilbert, Ken Clark, Clyde McEndree, J. T. McEndree, Sniff & Smartt.

The minutes were read and approved.

Dan Sniff presented the idea of entering a team in the World Champion Chuck Wagon Race to be held at Stock Show to honor the C.C.A.. It would consist of a team to 3 men, a chuck wagon and a team. J. T. McEndree moved that we pay up to \$500 for necessary expenses of getting a team entered and transported to and from Stock Show. 2nd by Phil Gilbert and passed. Ken Clark and A. P. Brown were appointed to captain the team.

John Smartt and Jim and Clyde McEndree reported on the C.C.A. Mid-Winter Convention held in Colorado Springs the previous week.

President Sniff appointed Smartt, J. T. McEndree, and Phil Gilbert on a committee to look over the by-laws and see if we are following them if they need changing.

The letter from Dave Rice on the Law & regulations covering the construction of stock water tanks. Ken Clark was appointed to study this matter and write to Bob Schafer.

A. P. Brown moved the meeting be adjourned and Lew Mathews 2nd. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned.

* * * * *

DIRECTORS MEETING

January 31, 1967

Present for the meeting were Bob Bamber, J. T. McEndree, Marshall Dean, Ed Dean, Tom Rose, Eddie Dunlap, Bob Mundell, A. P. Brown, Ken Clark, Bob Emick, Clyde McEndree, John Smartt, and President Dan Sniff.

The minutes of last directors meeting were read and approved. Treasurer reported on their trip to Stock Show. They stated that there would be a bill on lettering the canvass and insuring the mules. Ken Clark moved that we give Ez Thaxton a lifetime membership to Bent-Prowers for loaning us his wagon. 2nd by Jim McEndree and passed. Jim McEndree moved that we pay each member of the team \$75. since they wouldn't turn in any bill. 2nd by Ed Dean and passed.

John Smartt and Dan Sniff reported on plans for the annual meeting to be held in Lamar on February 25, 1967. Discussion was held and Clyde McEndree moved that we let the Juniors in for cost of dinner. Refunded thru Jr. Ass'n. 2nd and carried.

Dan reported that Barrett McCandless had called, and as president of Livestock Auction Markets Ass'n in Colorado had asked our group to take a stand on the raise in health charges taking place at some of the smaller auctions. It was unanimous that our group go on record as opposing this raise.

John Smartt moved that Art Dean be given a life membership in the Ass'n for his many years of service. A. P. Brown 2nd and the motion carried.

President Sniff appointed the following committees: Resolutions Wm. E. Rose, Chairman; Jim McEndree, Aaron Hasser, Ed Dean, and Joe Autry.

Nominations--Ken Clark Chairman: Bob Mundell; A. P. Brown; Bob Emick; and Eddie Dunlap.

A discussion was held on length of terms for officers and Jim McEndree moved that we leave the matter up to the nominating committee. 2nd by Marshall Dean and passed.

Bob Mundell moved we adjourn. Clyde 2nd and motion carried.

* * * * *

98TH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BENT-PROWERS CATTLE

And Horse Growers Association

The 98th Annual meeting of the Bent-Prowers Cattle & Horse Growers Ass'n was held at the Community Building in Lamar on February 25, 1967. President Dan Sniff presiding.

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 A. M. The minutes were read and approved Marshall Dean gave the Treasurers report and moved its adoption. 2nd by A. P. Brown and was accepted. The report follows.

Vic Hanson, 2nd vice-president of C.C.A. gave a talk on membership. He stated that Bent-Prowers was still the largest local with 393 state members. However the state needs 5,000 members by July and are now 500 short of the goal. He also

stated that the average dues paid has increased some the last few years.

Bob Parsons, past C.C.A. President brought up the subject of raising the annual dues to give the Ass'n more financial help. Considerable discussion was held on this topic and it was the concensus of opinion that the dues should not be raised.

Earl Brown, State Brand Commissioner, reported that there were 6 bills in the Legislature this session that affected brand laws. One of these is the one that Bent-Prowers requested the C.C.A. to support. It would stiffen the penalties for shipping cattle without a brand inspection.

Kenneth Clark gave the report of the nominating committee and moved its adoption

Being no nominations from the floor Bob Emick 2nd the motion and it carried unanimously.

Dan Sniff, President: Russell Reyher, 1st Vice President; Byron Davis, 2nd Vice President; John A. Smartt, Secretary; John Davidson, Ass;t Secretary; Marshall Dean, Treasurer and the following directors, Lewis Mathews, Charlie Fletcher, Kenneth Clark, R. D. Bamber, H. H. Mendenhall, Bob Emick, Eddie Dunlap, A. P. Brown, Alvin Spady, Phil Gilbert, Wm. E. Rose, Robert Mundell, Lyman Edgar, Norris Anderson, Clyde McEndree, and Ronald Honey.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 A. M. until after dinner.

Following a roast beef dinner, President Sniff introduced Bob Northrup, former Mayor of Lamar who gave the Welcome. Silvy Deloach introduced the featured speaker Mr. Paul Harvey. Following Mr. Harvey's 60 minute address there was a 15 minute break.

When the meeting reconvened Marshall Dean presented Ezra Thaxton with a life membership in Bent-Prowers and a desk set. J. T. McEndree presented Art Dean with a life membership in Bent-Prowers and a desk set.

Mr. Wm. E. Rose, Chairman of the Resolutions Committee read the 7 resolutions and each one passed. The resolutions follow this report.

The last item on the program was the panel "C.C.A.-How it serves you". moderated by C. B. Bledsoe, 1st Vice-President of C.C.A. Other panel members were Francis Murphy, John Holtorf, Jack Orr, Nate Patton, and Jim Lilpop. Following their presentation there were several questions from the floor.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 P. M. after President Sniff reminded all Bent-Prowers members to stay and help take down tables and chairs.

RESOLUTIONS

February 25, 1967

Resolution No. 1

Whereas, the members of the Bent-Prowers Cattle & Horse Growers Ass'n have common cause with all who are striving for the advancement of agriculture; and Whereas, our Nation's food producing capacity promises to become a major weapon for world peace and freedom; and Whereas, the availability and sound use of Agricultural credit, already having done much to contribute to the progress of agriculture in America during the past half century, will strengthen our potential for the future; and Whereas, the establishment of the Federal Land Banks in 1917 created the cornerstone of a farm credit system which stands out as a unique example of farmers, government and business community cooperating for the advancement of agricultural productivity and abundance; now therefore BE IT RESOLVED that the Bent-Prowers Cattle & Horse Growers Ass'n salutes the Federal Land Bank of Wichita and the Federal Land Bank System in recognition of their 50th Anniversary during 1967 and joins with the Land Banks in their golden anniversary observance which is dedicated to America's Farmers, Providers of Plenty.

Resolution No. 2.

The Ass'n continues to commend our Brand Board, local inspectors and law officers for their vigilance in preventing livestock theft and in apprehending the guilty.

We strongly encourage members and friends to interest themselves in livestock theft trials and hearings, and to emphasize to others the seriousness of these crimes. We also urge vigorous prosecution of all such cases.

Resolution No. 3

Whereas, the livestock industry has felt economic pressure in the past from high foreign meat imports, we urge our officers and representatives to continue control of this volume of meat, and wherever possible to see that army and other government purchases of meat come from the domestic supply.

Resolution No. 4

The Ass'n deeply regrets the passing in the past year of our long time members and friends in the industry; Henry Bledsoe, Jake Autry, Fred Miyer, Foster Elliott, Mrs. Ralph Woolery, and Miss Dean and others. We ask those who know of names that should be added to this list to submit them.

Mr. & Mrs. Claude Marshall

Resolution No. 5

We again commend our state C.C.A. Officers, President, Wad Hinman; Executive Vice President Dave Rice; the Legislative Committee and Board of Control; and the American National Cattlemen's Ass'n and their officers for protecting our interests in the Legislature, in Congress and elsewhere.

Resolution No. 6

We express our appreciation to the City of Lamar for its hospitality and for the use of the building, to the Stage Coach Motel for providing the dinner and the use of its facilities for the dance, and for the co-operation of the radio station and local and trade papers in publicizing and promoting this meeting.

Resolution No. 7

We express our thanks to President Dan Sniff and Secretary John Smartt, the committee chairmen and directors for the time spent in arranging the meeting and guiding our activities throughout the year. Also for their participation in C. C.A. Centennial promotions.

RECEIPTS

Balance - January 31, 1966		\$ 811.32
Local dues	1457.50	
Colorado Cattlemen's Ass'n Dues	1801.00	
Convention Profit	2038.53	
Dinner Tickets	836.50	
Donations for speaker	420.35	
Pre-Reg for state convention	25.00	
	<u>6,578.88</u>	
Total Receipts		6,578.88
Total Receipts and Beginning Balance		<u>7,390.20</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

American National Dues	100.00	
Colorado Cattlemen s Ass'n Dues	100.00	
Annual Dinner Expense	712.50	
Printing & Stationery	67.10	
Directors Meetings	14.92	
Bank Charges	1.92	
Convention Fund Pre-Reg	25.00	
C.C.A. share of Convention Profit	1,069.27	
Ads- Cattle Guard & Fathers Day	65.00	
Flowers	5.00	
Gifts	51.46	
Centennial Assessment	306.00	
Speaker	503.04	
Floyd Cross Foundation	100.00	
Apportionment Fund	250.00	
C.C.A. Endowment Trust Fund	300.00	
C. C.A. Dues collected from members	1,801.00	
Balance January 31, 1967		<u>5,472.21</u>
		<u>\$1,917.99</u>

DIRECTORS MEETING

March 30, 1967

The meeting was called to order by President Sniff. Those present were C. Fletcher, B. Mundell, B. Davis, K. Clark, L. Mathews, E. Dunlap, Wm. Rose, J. Davidson, R. Honey, P. Gilbert, D. Sniff & J. Smartt.

The Secretaries & Treasurers reports were given and approved.

The President appointed Clyde Mc Endree to Livestock Sanitation Committee and Ron Honey and George McClave to Marketing, Russell Reyher and A. P. Brown to transportation. Rest of committees will remain the same as last year.

Ken Clark moved that the Ass'n favor the report of area livestock men that U. S.D.A. stop publishing statistical reports on livestock. 2nd by Eddie Dunlap. motion passed.

J. T. McEndree reported on Tax Legislation. Lew Mathews moved that Bent-Prowers distribute 20 Cattle Guard Binders to local bussiness'. 2nd by Bob Mundell. Motion carried.

Lew Mathews moved we adjourn. 2nd by K. Clark, and carried.

* * * * *

DIRECTORS MEETING

July 30, 1967

Called to order by President Dan Sniff. Those present were Wm. Rose, B. Morrison, B. Mundell, B. Davis, L. Edgar, R. Reyher, B. Dawson, K. Clark, N. Anderson, J. McEndree, C. McEndree, M. Mendenhall and J. Davidson.

Sally Bryning was present collecting information for an article about Bent-Prowers.

Reyher moved to raise dues as suggested by C.C.A. 2nd by B. Mundell. Carried. C.C.A. insurance was discussed.

C.C. A. requested one pioneer family or decendent be present for Centennial at Colo. State Fair. McMillin family was chosen to represent this Ass'n and Dean family alternate.

Recent cattle rustling case in Prowers County was discussed. L. Edgar suggested to take case before Board of Control.

Wm. Rose moved to adjourn and 2nd by Reyher. Carried.

* * * * *

DIRECTORS MEETING

January 29, 1968

The meeting was called to order by President Sniff. Those in attendance were: E. Dunlap, M. Dean, J. Davidson, E. Dean, J. McMillin, Wm. Rose, R. Reyher, A. P. Brown, K. Clark, B. Davis, B. Emick, L. Mathews, C. McEndree, P. Gilbert, J. Smartt.

The minutes were read and approved. Marshall gave the Treasurers report that we had \$470.39 in bank.

Junior Cattlemen don't want to meet on Feb. 24th because of Ball Tournament. The members decided that if we could get St. Marys for March 2 we would meet on that date.

A. P. Brown moved and John Davidson 2nd the motion to let Sally Bryning bring the B4J book up to date. Motion carried.

Dan appointed the following committees:

Punch--Ed Dean, J. Nicols, and Buster Manifor
Nominating--Bob Mundell, Bob Emick, Russell Reyher
Resolutions--L. Mathews, Wm. Rose, Lyman Edgar, Marshall Dean, and Joe Autry
Membership--John Davidson, D. J. Schleining, Ernest Eddleman, and Billy Dawson

Mr. Rose brought up the matter that S. B. 18 was a bill to sell 149,000 acres of state land in Colorado and that some of this land was in our area. It was the unanimous feeling of this group that we go on record opposing the sale of this land.

Lew moved that we adjourn. 2nd by Clyde. Motion carried.

* * * * *

99th ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BENT-PROWERS CATTLE AND HORSE GROWERS ASSOCIATION

The 99th annual meeting of the Bent-Prowers Cattle & Horse Growers Ass'n was held at the St. Marys School in Las Animas on March 2, 1968. President Dan Sniff presiding.

Father Horne gave the invocation. 250 persons were served a roast beef dinner. Mayor Kitty Long gave the welcoming address. President Sniff honored our two life members Art Dean and Ezra Thaxton and introduced the bankers present.

Mrs. Floyd Sniff, President of the Southeast Colo. Cowbells gave a report of their activities during the year. Bob Burghart, Jr. Board of Control member from S. E. gave a short report. Nate Patton, 2nd Vice President of C. C. A. reported on the Centennial. Ralph Yoder, Member at Large on the Board, spoke about beef promotion and marketing.

Earl Brown, State Brand Commissioner reported on the new brand law, opening of an office in La. Junta, and brand assessments. Ray Burke of Colo. Dept. of Agriculture was introduced.

Johnny King, of C. C. A. Membership Committee gave a short talk on why we need members and money to have our voice heard in places of importance.

Beverly Bledsoe, President of C.C.A. spent a few minutes talking about the New Fed. Meat Insp. Bill, Colo. Beef Board, and Colo. Agricultural Council.

Next was the featured speaker Countess Maria Pulaski, who to the surprise of everyone present turned out to be Martin David Hughes noted entertainer.

Lyle Mariner, Editor of A.N.C.A. Magazine was next to speak but because time was short he didn't cover the entire ANCA marketing program.

Bill McEndree, outgoing president of S. E. Colo. Jr. Cattlemen's Ass'n reported on his organizations activities.

The resolutions appearing on the next page were read and approved.

The nominating committee read the following list of officers for the coming year and they were elected.

President--Clyde McEndree
1st Vice--Kenneth Clark
2nd Vice--Eddie Dunlap
Sec.--Lewis Mathews
Ass't Sec--John Davidson
Treasurer--Marshall Dean

Directors--Charlie Fletcher, Cliff Augustine, Bill Dawson, Brandon, Bob Mundell, Doug Duncan, Bob Emick, Wm. Rose, Lyman Edgar, Phil Gilbert, John Smartt, A. P. Brown, Dan Sniff, Ron Honey, Byron Davis, and O. H. Vail.

RESOLUTIONS

March 2, 1968

Resolution No. 1

Whereas, any price raises in the beef market in the past have been accompanied by an increase in imports of beef and whereas, the volume of beef imports has materially reduced the income of domestic producers

BE IT RESOLVED that this association continue to urge our officers and representatives to concern themselves with limiting this outside volume of meat, and wherever possible to see that all government purchases come from the domestic supply.

Resolution No. 2

The Association continues to commend our Brand Board, inspectors and law officers for their vigilance in preventing livestock theft and apprehending the guilty. We strongly encourage members and friends to interest themselves in livestock theft trials and hearings, and to emphasize to others the seriousness of these crimes. We also urge vigorous prosecution of all such cases.

Resolution No. 3

The Association deeply regrets the passing in the past year of our long time members and friends in the industry. Mr. & Mrs. H. C. Marshall. We ask those who know of names that should be added to this list to submit them.

Resolution No. 4

We again commend our state C. C. A. Officers, Pres. Beverly Bledsoe, Executive Vice Pres. Dave Rice; the Legislative Committee and the Board of Control; the American National Cattlemen's Ass'n and their officers for protecting our interests in State Legislatures, in Congress and elsewhere.

Resolution No. 5

Whereas, a proposal has been circulating for the increase of health inspection charges at sale rings

Be it Resolved that that this Ass'n discourage such increases until it is clearly shown that an increase in the value of these services to the producer will result.

* * * * *

RECEIPTS

Balance - January 31, 1967		\$1917.99
Local Dues	\$805.50	
C.C.A. Dues Collected	995.50	
Dinner Tickets	1584.50	
Donations	1360.50	
Sale of Books	242.80	
Change	170.00	
	Total Receipts	5158.80
Total Receipts & Beginning Balance		<u>7076.79</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

Colorado Cattlemens Dues	995.50	
C.C.A. Dues Bent-Prowers	100.00	
A.N. C.A. Dues	100.00	
Directors Meetings	24.74	
Chuck Wagon Races	261.00	
Postage	40.00	
Printing	46.51	
Beef Ads	10.00	
Dinner Expense	1585.14	
Speaker	2500.00	
Cash	170.00	
Gifts	23.69	
C. C. A. Books, Binders, Etc.	548.50	
Independent Livestock Producers ---Donation---	150.00	
Misc. Exp.	51.20	
Service Charge	<u>.12</u>	
	Total Disbursements	6606.40
Balance January 31, 1968		<u><u>\$ 470.39</u></u>

DIRECTORS MEETING

March 28, 1968

Lamar, Colorado

The meeting was called to order by President Clyde McEndree and the minutes of the 99th annual meeting were read and approved. The following members were present: John A. Smartt, Dan H. Sniff, Kenneth Clark, O. H. Vail, Bob Mundell, Ed Dean, Marshall Dean, Byron Davis, Jim McEndree, A. P. Brown, Billy Dawson, Eddie Dunlap, Clyde McEndree, and Lew Mathews.

The President appointed the following to standing committees: Water--Phil Gilbert, Beef Promotion- Doug Duncan, Brand & Theft- Lyman Edgar, Cattle Improvement-Byron Davis, Federal Lands- Charlie Fletcher, Game & Fish-Lew Mathews, Legislative-Kenneth Clark, Livestock Sanitation-Bob Mundell, Marketing-Cliff Augustine, Public Relations- Bob Emick, State Lands- Wm. E. Rose, Tax-Jim McEndree and Eddie Dunlap, Research - John Smartt, Transportation - A. P. Brown, Membership-Bob Emick Chairman with the following help from each county: Bent: Ed Dean, A. P. Brown, Byron Davis, George McClave. Otero: Lyman Edgar, Kenneth Clark, Bob Morrison, and Joe Autry. Kiowa: Eddie Dunlap, Wm. Rose, Lloyd Philpy, Norris Anderson, Baca: Bob Mundell, O. H. Vail, Bill Mundell, Prowers: Dan Sniff, Charlie Fletcher, Barrett McCanless, and Joe Hasser.

A membership drive was scheduled for May 6,7,8 and 9th. Ken Clark made a motion and was seconded by Eddie Dunlap to invite John Boyd down to help with the drive. Dan Sniff challenged all other county chairmen for the most new members with a steak dinner as the prize.

Eddie Dunlap brought up bargaining power which was in the March issue of the "Farm Journal" and Billy Dawson made a motion which was seconded by Dan Sniff for the President and Secretary to fill out the ballot and send it in as representing our association of 400 members.

Kenneth Clark made a motion to send a letter of appreciation to Bob Schafer for all the work he did on House Bill 1002 the Livestock Theft Statute. 2nd by A. P. Brown.

New Directors Olas Vail and Billy Dawson introduced themselves and said they would be happy to work for the Association. Jim McEndree made a short talk about re-evaluation of farm and ranch lands.

Kenneth Clark made a motion and was 2nd by Eddie Dunlap to have a Chuck Wagon make all the fairs and parades in S. E. Colorado this summer including the State Fair in Pueblo to advertize the fact that the next meeting of this organization will be our 100th meeting. Ken Clark, A. P. Brown, and Billy Dawson will be the ramrods of the Chuck Wagon with the following help in each county. Dan Sniff-Prowers, Billy Mundell-Baca, A. P. Brown-Bent, Billy Dawson-Kiowa, and Mick Mendenhall-Otero County.

Lew Mathews brought up the subject of C.C.A. Centennial Supplies which we have on hand and we sold out of coins and sold 2 bracelets and Marshall Dean bought 2 books @ \$10.00. We passed out two sets of books to most of the directors present to try to sell. Someone suggested we get more coins to sell. John Smartt made a motion that the meeting adjourn and was seconded by Dan Sniff.

* * * * *

DIRECTORS MEETING

June 20, 1968

Las Animas, Colo.

The meeting was called to order by President Clyde McEndree and the following members were present: Eddie Dunlap, Kenneth Clark, Jim McEndree, Byron Davis, Lloyd Labrie, Dick Bartholomeu, Marshall Dean, Gene Barnes, Norman Hobson, George Littlewood, Wm. E. Rose, Jollie Flinn, Dr. R. D. McCre, Dr. C. E. Grenard, and Dr. Perrian H. Henry and Jimmy Bendorf, Kiowa Co. Assessor, Ben Lacy Bent Co. Assessor.

Minutes of March 28, 1968 Directors Meeting were read and approved. A discussion of our next meeting which will be our 100th annual meeting and a committee consisting of Marshall Dean, Kenneth Clark, and Bob Emick were appointed to decide the time and place for the next annual meeting and whether to celebrate the 100th anniversary or the 100 year.

Kenneth Clark made a motion to make Boys Ranch a life Membership in our Bent-Prowers Association and to pay their dues for one year in CCA, 2nd by

Eddie Dunlap. Motion carried.

Dr. Henry of USDA Division of Animal Health was introduced and gave a lecture on the current status of brucellosis in the district, particularly in Baca County. Jim McEndree made a motion for Bent-Prowers to sponsor the Proposed Resolution for replacement cattle entering Baca County and for the Secretary to write CCA and Agriculture Commissioner. 2nd by Ken Clark, Motion carried.

Jimmy Bendorf, Kiowa County Assessor discussed Re-evaluation. Ben Lacy, Bent Co. Assessor stated that the Tax Commission would send down commercial appraisers who would work from market values instead of productivities, which the assessors think are the best route. Motion by Ken Clark for President to appoint a committee for each county to meet with their Assessor and go over re-evaluation of grazing land and be available for advisory assistance. 2nd by Eddie Dunlap, motion carried. The following were appointed by Clyde McEndree: Baca, Jim McEndree; Otero, Gene Barnes; Kiowa, Eddie Dunlap; Bent, A. P. Brown; Prowers, Joe Hassler.

Mr. Rose made a motion for adjournment, 2nd by Eddie Dunlap; motion carried.

* * * * *

DIRECTORS MEETING

Nov. 7, 1968

Stagecoach Motel, Lamar,

The meeting was called to order by Vice President, Ken Clark because Clyde McEndree would be late getting home from a tax meeting in Denver. The following were present: Phil Gilbert, John Davidson, Bob Mundell, Charlie Fletcher, Wm. E. Rose, Robert W. Emick, Wayne Schaaf, and Jim and Clyde McEndree who came later.

Motion by John Davidson that we organize to take the lead in raising the funds for Bent and Prowers Counties to fight the Tax Commission on re-evaluation. Discussion followed about ways to raise money. John Davidson will contact other farm organizations in Bent County for help and Phil Gilbert in Prowers County. Clyde McEndree will call meetings in both counties to organize Tax Relief Committee. Clyde McEndree appointed chairman of county as follows: Otero--Gene Barnes, Kiowa, Eddie Dunlap, Prowers, Phil Gilbert; Bent, John Davidson; and Baca, Clyde McEndree.

A membership drive was discussed and the following were to work the following week: Monday, Ken Clark, Clyde McEndree, Bob Emick; Tuesday: Eddie Dunlap, Ken Clark, and A. P. Brown, Wednesday: Eddie Dunlap and Ken Clark to work Kiowa Co. Thursday; Lew Mathews and Phil Gilbert. Friday, Bob Mundell and Charlie Fletcher.

Wayne Schaaf of Prowers County Extension Office was here and said that they with the help of Dr. Jim Wiltbank of CSU would like to put on a Breeding and Reproduction Clinic in conjunction with our annual meeting. Decided that if they could start at 9:00 and be through by 11:00 A. M. we would go for it.

Clyde adjourned meeting.

Directors Meeting

Nov. 21, 1968

Stagecoach Motel, Lamar, Colo.

The meeting was called to order by President Clyde McEndree with the following present: Charlie Fletcher, Phil Gilbert, Bill Dawson, Eddie Dunlap, Jim McEndree, Byron Davis, Wm. E. Rose, Ed Dean, Bob Emick, O. H. Vail, Clyde McEndree, and Lew Mathews.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved. Dr. Wiltbank could put on his Reproduction clinic from 9 to 11 and Bob Emick made a motion and was 2nd by Eddie Dunlap to have clinic--motion carried.

Jim McEndree made a motion to have a noon meal. 2nd by Ed Dean--motion carried.

Bob Emick, Eddie Dunlap, A. P. Brown, Ken Clark, Clyde McEndree, and Lew Mathews were appointed on a committee to work out date and location for annual meet.

Phil Gilbert made a report about the organizations he talked to about fund raising to fight tax commission on re-evaluation. Roy Dunn-Farm Bureau, Holly; Bob Idler, Farmers Union, Lamar, President of Wheat Growers at Cheyenne Wells. They were all in agreement and urged an organizational meeting to collect donations.

John Davidson sent in a report that they will have a meeting in Las Animas Dec. 4.

We talked about speakers for annual meeting with no definite results.

Otero was having a fund raising meeting tonight in La Junta for Tax fight.

Meeting Adjourned.

Directors Meeting Jan. 16, 1969 Stagecoach Motel Lamar, Colo.

Clyde McEndree called meeting to order with the following present: John Smartt, Ken Clark, A. P. Brown, Byron Davis, Wm. E. Rose, Eddie Dunlap, and Lew Mathews. Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Ken Clark came up with the idea of inviting the new Secretary of Agriculture, Dr. Clifford M. Hardin to be the principal speaker at our 100th annual and to get Senator Gordon Allott to introduce him. We spent considerable time on the telephone trying to talk to Gordon Allott (Who we got out of bed) and to Ken Curtis (Festus) who we never got to invite them to our 100th.

Nomination Committee: Dan Sniff, Chairman; John Davidson, Billy Dawson, Joe Hasser, Gene Barnes, and Bob Mundell.

Resolutions Committee: Eddie Dunlap, chairman; Lyman Edgar, John Smartt, Bob Mundell, Bob Borrison.

Punch Bowl: Ed Dean, Chairman; Bob Emick, Charlie Fletcher, Buster Manifor.

Reception Committee: Ken Clark and A. P. Brown to talk up membership.

Ken Clark made a motion to change his motion for Colorado Boys Ranch in respect that we pay their membership in CCA for life. 2nd by John Smartt - Carried.

Ken Clark made a motion we honor one man from each county at the 100th: Henry Kuntson, Kiowa County; Jim McEndree, Baca County: Roy Edgar, Otero; Dick Klett, Bent; and Raymond McMillian, Prowers. That we give each man commemorative plaque of our 100th anniversary and a life time membership in Bent-Prowers Assn. Also to present their wives with flowers. 2nd by Eddie Dunlap, motion carried.

Check with Chamber of Commerce about availability of Community Building for March 8. John Smartt made a motion to adjourn, 2nd by Ken Clark--carried.

Directors Meeting February 6, 1969 Stagecoach Motel Lamar, Colo.

Clyde McEndree called meeting to order with the following present: Eddie Dunlap, A. P. Brown, Ed Dean, Phil Gilbert, Dan Sniff, and Lew Mathews. Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Secretary was instructed to call Gov. Love and see if he could make speech at 100th (He was unavailable) Also to call "Red Fenwick" of the Denver Post and see if he could make speech (He accepted).

Lew Mathews brought up the idea of having a chuck wagon background on tickets and A. P. Brown was going to check with Las Animas Printer and Lew with Springfield paper about cost.

Discussion was brought up about why Dick Klett was one to be honored from Bent County in as much as Marshall Dean's great uncle Steven Jones was first president of B-P and we agreed to honor Marshall too.

We plan to go ahead with the community building with the Stagecoach to serve.

Eddie Dunlap moved we adjourn, 2nd by A. P. Brown--Adjourned.

Directors Meeting February 24, 1969 Stagecoach Motel, Lamar, Colo.

Clyde McEndree called meeting to order with the following present: Bob Mundell, Ken Clark, Eddie Dunlap, Bill Dawson, Dan Sniff, Ed Dean, Phil Gilbert, and Lew M. Mathews.

Dan Sniff said for Lew to invite "Red" Fenwick to stay at the Stagecoach as his guest. and the CCA are holding their quarterly meeting in Lamar on March 7.

Have Mayor Bill Sunday to give welcome speech.

Invite Minister of Presbyterian Church to give invocation. Phil Gilbert will.

Jr. Cattlemen will lead in pledge of allegiance and invite a highschool girl to sing Star Spangled Banner.

Ken Clark made a motion to include Felix Mundell in list of honorees, 2nd by Bill Dawson. motion carried. List now includes: Henry Knutson, Jim McEndree, Roy Edgar, Dick Klett, Raymond McMillian, Marshall Dean, and Felix Mundell.

Get stick on name plates to give each member when he pays his dues. Barbara McEndree will be chairman of Committee for memberships and dues assisted by other officers wives.

Phil Gilbert appointed head of flower committee.

Have the Bent-Prowers Chuck Wagon brought to annual meeting.

Ken Clark made a motion to write members of Legislation to leave herd law alone. 2nd by Bob Mundell. Motion carried.

See if you can get some Juniors to act as ushers to fill up tables and as soon as tables are filled up to start feeding.

Meeting adjourned.

RECEIPTS

Balance on hand January 31, 1968		\$ 470.39
Local Dues	\$ 690.00	
CCA Dues Collected	2,060.00	
Dinner Tickets	581.00	
Donations: First National Bank of Las Animas	150.00	
Stagecoach Motel	150.00	
Sale of CCA Centennial Books and Supplise	310.50	
Total Receipts	\$3,941.50	<u>3,941.50</u>
Total Receipts & Beginning Balance		4,411.89

DISBURSEMENTS

CCA Dues Collected from members	\$2,060.00	
CCA Dues for Bent-Prowers Association	100.00	
ANCA Dues for Bent-Prowers Assn.	100.00	
St. Marys Catholic Club Women 250 dinners	437.50	
Cash for change at annual meeting	200.00	
CCA Centennial Commission-belt buckle for Dan Sniff	50.40	
Sand & Sage Western Store--Hat for Dan Sniff	19.20	
Greens Jewelry--Desk set for John Smartt	50.47	
La Junta Tribune Democrat printing dinner tickets	10.88	
CCA --Dues for Colorado Boys Ranch	15.00	
Fuzzys Liquor Store--Juice for punch bowl	88.90	
Thaxtons Market--punch	37.55	
Martin David Hughes --Speaker	375.00	
State Board of Stock Inspectors--B4J Brand Assessment	10.00	
Plainsman Herald--Stationery	28.16	
Palace Cafe--Directors Meeting	20.41	
Western Union--Telegrams for Bud Dodge	15.26	
Arkansas Valley Journal--Signature on Beef Ad	5.00	
Postmaster --Stamps and postcards	11.00	
CCA Centennial Commission:		
Co-operative Century Books	250.00	
CCA Supplies and History & Brand Books sold	278.60	
Bank Service Charges	<u>2.11</u>	
Total Disbursements		<u>3,790.44</u>
Balance - January 31, 1969		\$ 621.45

100th ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BENT-PROWERS CATTLE
AND HORSE GROWERS ASSOCIATION

The 100th annual meeting of the Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association was held at the Stagecoach Motel in Lamar on March 22, 1969. President Clyde McEndree presiding.

The Chuck Wagon was late in arriving, but we did get the "Punch Bowl" in operation and had Carl Long and his band to supply some lively music to the group while awaiting lunch. A roast beef lunch was served to 275 people. and after they were all about through eating the program began with the National Anthem sung by Shirley White accompanied by Linda Whistler, both students of Lamar High School. Next the Junior Cattlemen led us all in the pledge to the flag followed by the Invocation by the Reverend Bill Owen. Mayor Bill Sunday then gave the welcoming address.

The highlight of the meeting was the presentation by Kenneth Clark of lifetime memberships in Bent-Prowers and a commemorative wall plaque to the following old timers: Roy Edgar, Rocky Ford; Marshall Dean, Las Animas, Henry Knudtson, Eads; James T. McEndree, Springfield; Raymond McMillin, Lamar; Dick Klett, Las Animas; Felix Mundell, Walsh, and to the Colorado Boys Ranch of La Junta with Everett Marshall accepting their award. Also a lifetime membership in the Colorado Cattlemen's Ass'n. was presented to three of the boy's ranchers present. Before Ken got through giving out presentations he gave Marshall Dean, Clyde McEndree, and Lew Mathews plaques and watches to Clyde and Lew.

The following guests were presented: John E. Boyd of the CCA and The Cattle-guard Editor; Mr. A. A. Hall State Tax Commissioner; Ralph Yoder 2nd Vice President of the CCA; Bill Surrel, State Junior Cattlemen's Advisor; Beverly Bledsoe, Immediate Past President of CCA; Earl Brown, State Brand Inspector; and Bill McEndree President of the State Junior Cattlemen's Ass'n.

Mr. Milton H. Booth introduced our guest speaker, "Red" Fenwick who gave a very stirring speech on the pitfalls of the big cities and who said that Rural America is the heart and hope of America.

After Fenwick's speech Clyde turned the juniors loose and about half of the crowd left while Mrs. Henry Rudolf was trying to give a report of the Southeast Colo. Cowbells during the year. Beverly Bledsoe gave a report on Legislative activity and stated that it was too early to fully endorse any school bills, but we need to get more people involved. Ralph Yoder presented Bent-Prowers with three pictures of the Chuck Wagon crew winning the world's champion title at the 1967 Denver National Western Stockshow.

The minutes of the 99th annual meeting were read and approved and the treasurers report was read by Lew Mathews for Marshall Dean. Dan Sniff, chairman of the nominating committee gave his report as follows: President, Kenneth Clark, 1st V.P. Eddie Dunlap, 2nd VP Joe Hassler, and combined the office of Secretary-Treasurer Lew Mathews. The following were nominated for directors for 1969: A. P. Brown, Byron Davis, Bill Dawson, Ed Dean, Lyman Edgar, Charlie Fletcher, Phil Gilbert, John Givan, Clyde McEndree, Jim McMillin, Bob Morrison, Bob Mundell, Jack Nickolos, Wm. E. Rose, D. J. Schleining, John Smartt, Dan Sniff, and Bill Wooten. All nominated by acclamation, 2nd by Bob Mundell and motion carried.

Eddie Dunlap chairman of the Resolutions Committee gave his report and the resolutions appearing on the next page were read and approved. Clifford Van campen, President of SE Juniors gave his report and a motion was made by Eddie Dunlap to adjourn, 2nd by Clyde McEndree. Meeting adjourned by 2:30.

LIFE MEMBERS HONORED ON March 22, 1969 at 100th Annual Meeting

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Edgar of Rocky Ford.

Roy worked with chuckwagons gathering and branding cattle, organized for cattle theft and mavericks. He has contributed 31 years of law and order and is a great asset to our organization. He was the second brand inspector in this area. He raised good cattle and was quite a horse racer in his time. His horse racing

took him

to parts of the country and Poncho Villa ran him out of Juarez. He was an organizer of salerings in Southeast Colorado.

Mr. and Mrs. Felix Mundell of Walsh, Colorado

One of the oldest members of Bent-Prowers who has contributed much to this organization and country. He raised good cattle and still owns present ranch where he ranched for 65 years. He paid his first dues to Bent-Prowers in 1912 to a cattle inspector by the name of Knox.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Klett of Las Animas, Colorado

His father helped organize this association in 1870. At one time he had one of the biggest cattle ranches of this territory. Judged many cattle and was known as a "keen cattle judge." He was dragging calves for branding in 1965 at the age of 73. He is in the hospital in Colorado Springs and unable to be here today.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond McMillin of Carlton, Colorado

Another great leader of our organization and country. Served in World War I. Father was president and secretary in 1900. Built first irrigation ditch in Prowers County. Owns one of the finest ranches in the country with the finest cattle and horses. He served as president of this Association for 10 years. He is the father of the Jr. Calf Chain Foundation. There is one thing that interests Mr. McMillin more than raising good cattle and that's helping to raise good kids.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Knudtson of Eads, Colorado

An outstanding cowboy of this country who gathered cattle on plains and a great worker and leader for our industry who operated his own ranch and raised good Herford Cattle. Worked for Charles Collins in 1909. Married and moved to where Rush and Big Sandy meet, where he ran this ranch for 30 years, before moving to Eads. He attends all meetings and is a diligent supporter.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim McEndree of Springfield, Colorado

Jim is a past president of Bent-Prowers who started his successful ranching career in 1908 in Baca County. He served in World War I, taught school and has been a 4-H leader for twenty years. He is active in many civic organizations and served on many Legislative Committees and is active in politics. He is honorary life member of the Southern Jr. Cattlemen's Ass'n. and his son Clyde is President of Bent-Prowers.

Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Dean of Las Animas, Colorado

Marshall was riding range as soon as he could set in the saddle. He served in World War I. He has spent lifetime working for the interests of this Association. He has been President, and is the present Treasurer and he started attending meetings in 1920 and is an active community leader.

Mr. and Mrs. Felix Mundell of Walsh, Colorado

Felix was born Oct. 12, 1889, in Parker County, Kansas to Robert F & May Belle Cook Mundell. He attended Indian Territory schools in what is now Oklahoma. He grew up on ranches near Woodward until 1908, when his parents purchased the 24 Circle Ranch northeast of Walsh. On June 24, 1915 he married Mamie Herbert in Baca County. They have four children: Mary, Robert, Jane and Marjorie. Now a retired cattlemen, Felix ranched for 65 years, raising Herfords, and still owns the Mundell Ranch, 15,000 deeded acres, at Walsh, Colorado. He is a member of the American National Cattlemen's Assn., Colorado Cattlemen's Assn. and has been a member of Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Assn. for 57 years, having paid his first dues in 1912 to a brand inspector named Knox, who might have spent the money for groceries.

RESOLUTIONS PASSED AT 100th ANNUAL MEETING

3-23-69

1. Whereas, any favorable price structure in the beef market in years past has resulted in an increase in imports of foreign beef, and
Whereas, the increased volume of imports tends to reduce returns to domestic producers,
Be it Resolved that this Association use all its influence to limit this outside volume of meat, and wherever possible to see that all Government purchases come from the domestic supply.
2. We again commend our state CCA officers, President Vic Hansen, Executive Sec'y, Dave Rice, the Legislative Committee and the Board of Control; the American Nat'l Cattlemen's Ass'n, and their officers, for protecting our interests in the State Legislature, in Congress and elsewhere.
3. We express our appreciation to the City of Lamar for it's hospitality, to Dan Sniff and the Stagecoach staff for furnishing the facilities and service, Bus Manifor and Ed Dean for bringing the Chuckwagon and Punch Bowl. We also appreciate the publicity provided by the local and trade news media, particularly the Arkansas Valley Journal and Station KLMR.
4. The Association deeply regrets the passing in the past year of several long time members and friends of the industry.
5. Whereas, the development of new industries and institutions in rural areas contributes to the economy of such areas, and helps limit the congestion in urban areas.
Be it Resolved that the Association back all efforts to locate the Jet Hub at La Junta and the development of feedlots, packing plants and other industries in Southeast Colorado.
6. We repeat our support for the authority of local Government in its area, and strongly oppose the centralization of more power in the State Tax Commission and other such agencies.
7. We oppose any change or modification in the present herd law; and the bill SB 184, proposing sale of State Lands under contract for grazing and other purposes.
8. We again urge that any change in the tax structure to acquire finance for schools and other purposes do not involve further property tax increases; and that no schools be consolidated or closed through forced action.
9. We express our thanks to President Clyde McEndree and Secretary, Lew Mathews, the Committee Chairmen and Directors, for the time spent in arranging the meeting and transacting Association business throughout the year. We appreciate also the cooperation of the Cowbells and the Jr. Association in the interests of the industry.

Respectfully submitted,

Eddie Dunlap
John Smartt
Bob Mundell
Lyman Edgar
Bob Morrison

Leonard Pruett

1903 - 1969